

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Vague Proposals

THE plea that Hongkong industry needs help has, as a generalisation, a certain superficial appeal that is bound to meet with many echoes of approval. It is generally accepted now that the Colony's economic salvation lies largely with industrial development. The situation may change with the easing of the embargo but it is fashionable at the moment to look to industry to make good the decline in the entrepot and to provide alternative employment for the Colony's unemployed thousands.

But it is much more difficult to say how industry can be nurtured and growth fostered. At the annual meeting of Wheelock, Marden & Co Ltd on Friday, Mr G. E. Marden threw out a couple of hints, but as they stand they are much too broad and vague to become a serious point of discussion. It is a pity he did not make himself clearer for the general public is left to guess the meaning of his remarks.

ON the broad principles enunciated in his speech—such as, that ways and means should be found to relieve unemployment—there will be little dispute. But Mr Marden does not carry his proposals to the stage where he advocates directly any course of action for Government to consider. Even if he provides what proves to be a bone of contention, at least it is something which the authorities and the public can chew—and, to carry the metaphor a little farther, from digestion of its marrow may come fresh ideas.

His allusions to the high cost of capital, land and buildings rather suggest that he thinks subsidies may be one way of tackling this problem—subsidies to industrialists. If this is his line of thought, he may consider that Government loans or reduced prices for new reclaimed land would provide welcome assistance. This suggestion has superficial appeal but there are many objections in principle—particularly if Big Business is to benefit.

Some merchants are bound to grumble that little was done to relieve their plight after the imposition of the embargo on the China trade. Established industrialists who have struggled against the very difficulties of which Mr Marden complains—and have succeeded—may justifiably resent Government assistance to new participants in the industrial race. And at any rate it is a fair thing as far as the taxpayer is concerned that Government should be able to recover the cost of reclaiming new land for industry from those who will directly benefit.

LOANS to industry—provided by local or overseas capital—may help and there should be some scope here for a local industrial finance corporation. As for the high cost of capital, some will wonder why Government has been asked to help—why not the banks? Some banks are already trying to accommodate industry's needs on slightly better terms than those to other categories of borrowers. And few would welcome an appearance of Government controls which could at best only emphasise the discrimination that exists in the prevailing tight money conditions.

But it is hard to consider this particular problem in its existing uncrystallised state. Some clear statement of views would be welcome. No one questions that industry should be helped as much as possible—for it is in the Colony's interest. But how to do it is another question entirely.

Pro-German Parties Win Another Record For Saar Elections

BUT LACK MAJORITY TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

Sabotage In Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 18. Despite an hour's police vigil against sabotage, ten overhead telephone wires were mysteriously cut and stolen near a European residential area in Singapore today.

Severed wires were detected in the afternoon when subscribers living in the area complained to the fault control room of the Singapore Telephone Board.

Several linesmen on the loyal staff of the board, whose 285 field workers have been on strike since November 11, were sent to make a check.

They found that the wires had not only been severed but also removed.

Repair works are being carried out.

Police have offered a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of the saboteurs when overhead telephone cables were found cut yesterday.—Reuter.

Runaway Plane Brings Disaster

Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 18. A flame-spewing runaway jet plane slipped its moorings at the Lincoln Air Force Base today, crashed into four planes and killed three persons including its pilot.

The pilot was Lt. Vernon Chapman Jr., 25, of Grand Island, Nebraska, who had won seven Air Medals while a naval aviator during the Korean war. He had been discharged from the service two years ago today and had been on active duty as a reservist.

Two enlisted men, both full-time active reservists, were in the hangar at the time the jet smashed into it and were believed killed. They were Air Controlman 1/c Kenneth Cecil Newman, 24, of Lincoln and Air Controlman 3/c Hubert Lee Tracy, 29, of Lincoln.—United Press.

Chu Teh Arrives In Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 18. The Chinese Deputy President Chu Teh arrived in Moscow today at the head of a Government delegation which will visit Rumania and East Germany, Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported.

They arrived by train and were met at the station by Soviet Deputy Premier, Mr Anastas Mikoyan, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov.—Reuter.

TUT, TUT! SUCH GOINGS-ON IN WHITEHALL!

London, Dec. 18. The ailing Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, tomorrow will receive pictures of a blonde provocatively attired in little more than her birthday suit.

The pictures, a gift of a Socialist Member of Parliament, Mr Arthur Lewis, are not a "get well" present. Mr Lewis is a married 36-year-old Shirley Crawford danced—as illustrated—at a stag party in a building belonging to Her Majesty's Government. Photographs of Shirley in her silver paint and her look will be on Mr Anthony's desk tomorrow.

Mr Lewis, the Member for the constituency of the Prime Minister, said: "She was very

Saarbruecken, Dec. 18. Provisional final results of the Saar election were: Christian Democrats 149,516, Saar Democratic Party 142,592, Christian People's Party 128,648, Social Democrats 84,408, Communists 38,696, Saar Social Democrats 34,284.

Distribution of the 50 seats in the new parliament was not to be announced until later, but since a strict proportional system is used, the final lineup is likely to be:

Christian Democratic Union, 13, Saar Democratic Party 12, Christian People's Party, 11, German Social Democrats eight, Communists three, Saar Social Democrats three.

Dr Ney, Dr Schneider and Herr Kurt Conrad, leader of the German Social Democrats, failed to win together the three-quarters majority necessary for an amendment to the constitution, which ties the Saar economically to France.

Their three parties, which defeated the European Saar Statute by their joint action last October, will thus have to rely for amendments on the support of the two parties which made up the pro-French government from 1947 until October this year.

These are the Christian People's Party of the former Premier, Herr Johannes Hoffman, and the Saar Social Democrats of Herr Richard Kira.

Formation of a new government, to be delayed until the New Year, is expected to be difficult.

Dr Ney, with the support of Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, is understood to be strongly opposed to forming a coalition with Dr Schneider's party, which has many former Nazis, including its leader.

Dr Ney is not strong enough to form a government with only Herr Hoffman's party. None of the other parties is likely to consent to a coalition under Dr Schneider's leadership.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

Political observers thought that the solution might be to have a wide coalition of parties under the present non-party caretaker Premier, Herr Heinrich Welsch. Dr Schneider's party, the "dark horse" of the elections, ran neck and neck with the Christian Democrats when returns began to come in from big industrial areas.

That party, which has played on anti-French sentiment in the campaign, took a narrow lead with two-fifths of the 600,000 votes counted, but Dr Ney's party later forged ahead.

With the chief political question of a return to Germany settled by the October plebiscite, the main question in today's election was what party or group of parties would supervise the operation.

The programmes of Dr Ney's and Dr Schneider's parties differ only in nuances. Dr Schneider does not recognise any French rights in the Saar, but Dr Ney is prepared to adopt a half-way economic position with full political attachment to Germany.

West German politicians today hailed the vote in the Saar elections as a further indication that the important industrial territory desires reunification with Germany.

Shirley's nude dance routine was followed at a postmen's party in a Treasury building. Mr Lewis sent the pictures to not object to pretty young ladies dancing in the nude but said he felt such a dance was beneath the dignity of Whitehall, the seat of government.

The more than 100 guests in the room did not consider the nudity beneath the dignity of any building. As long as no other objections were raised, Shirley insisted she was not completely nude because "I was covered in silver paint" and "I had a lot of jewelry on."

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Germ Bombs Stockpile To Be Scrapped

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Dec. 18. A plan to stockpile germ bombs for immediate retaliation against any enemy which might start a germ warfare has been scrapped by the British government.

Plans to manufacture large quantities of special vaccines as a precaution against a germ attack have also been scrapped.

The bulk of effort at the £5,000,000 germ warfare station on Salisbury Plain will be switched to non-secret medical and agricultural problems.

The defence chiefs have recommended these moves because super H-bombs have made the risk of germ warfare negligible.

They believe no enemy would start a war with a germ attack as this would bring swift retaliation with H-bombs.

To keep the brilliant scientific team together a limited amount of military research is to continue under the leadership of Dr David Henderson.—London Express Service.

Cypriots & Greeks Demonstrate In London

London, Dec. 18. Two hundred Cypriots and Greeks marched from Hyde Park through London streets today shouting "Stop Nazi rule in Cyprus" and "Withdraw British soldiers from our land." Many of the slogans were chanted in Greek.

Among the marchers, many of whom carried banners with slogans, was a ten-year-old schoolboy.

In Nicosia, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, British Governor of Cyprus, today rejected a protest by Archbishop Makarios against intervention of security forces at the funeral yesterday of the island's No. 3 terrorist.

The Governor said it was "repugnant to me that any disturbance should take place at a funeral" but pointed out that the terrorist, Charalambos Mouskos, was "an outlaw who two days before had taken part in ambushing and murdering a British soldier."

MAKARIOS' PROTEST

The Archbishop, leader of the Cyprus campaign for union with Greece, had protested earlier today to the Governor against the use of teargas and baton charges by troops and police in dispersing crowds at the funeral of his cousin, who was shot by a British major during a terrorist ambush.

Sir John Harding said "responsibility for any disturbance must rest squarely on the shoulders of those who deliberately disregarded instructions by the authorities."

He said that although Mouskos was an outlaw "I decided not to ban a funeral service and burial in Nicosia."

"In the interests of law and order it was on my instructions, made clear to you and the public that only relatives, clergy and pallbearers would be permitted to accompany the cortege from the church to the cemetery."

This condition was disregarded by many members of the public and "security forces were compelled to intervene."

CONFUSING SITUATION IN JORDAN

Cairo, Dec. 18. Press reports tonight, continued to tell of riots and bloodshed in Jordan, but the exact situation was vague here because of a strict news blackout.

Cairo telephone lines to Amman are congested with traffic because Jordan residents here are frantically seeking information about relatives.

The Egyptian government newspaper, Al Gomhouriya reported that the Jordan Arab Legion and police officers refused to deploy their men to disperse demonstrators and stayed in their barracks contrary to orders.

It was claimed that 12 officers were arrested. Al Gomhouriya said an "iron curtain" was thrown around Jordan to prevent news leakage.

Al Gomhouriya printed a report under a Damascus dateline which quoted travellers from Amman as saying: "The situation in Jordan has turned into a violent nationwide revolution."

The report said large-scale demonstrations continued in Amman and other Jordan towns demanding the overthrow of the Hashemite King and the establishment of a "democratic republic."

The report said bombs were thrown at houses of members of the new Cabinet.

The Egyptian newspaper, Al Ahras, said the Hashemite monarchy had decided to "discontinue its participation in the revolution."

Pastor Shot To Death

Weatherford, Texas, Dec. 18.

The new pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church was shot to death in his backyard by a member of his former congregation who walked through the gate, fired six shots and then turned around and walked away, the police reported today.

Walter Vaughn, 47, of Denver City, Texas, farmer and father of three children, fatally wounded the Rev. Chester Stevens, 37, before at least two witnesses, the authorities said.

Mr Stevens moved to Weatherford two months ago from Denver City, where Vaughn attended church. The County Attorney, Roy Grogan, said: "The authorities checked both here and in Denver City for a possible motive to the shooting."

A policeman found Vaughn walking down a street and arrested him with no trouble. Mr Grogan said Vaughn had made a formal statement but it would be withheld pending further investigation.

Mayor Oran Byrd of Denver City said he knew of no past trouble between the two men.—United Press.

INCIDENTS IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Dec. 18. Terrorists killed two Moroccan men and wounded four others in a shooting in the city today.

Two of the victims were shot dead with revolvers and two others were wounded.

A longshoreman was beaten up with a club and a drunken Moroccan was manhandled by a mob. Moroccan soldiers, however, did not intervene.—United Press.

The Comet

CROSSES CANADA IN 3HRS, 55 MINUTES

Toronto, Dec. 18.

Flying at speeds up to 570 miles an hour, Britain's trim Comet jetliner streaked across western Canada today from Vancouver to land at Toronto's Malton Airport at 2.50 p.m. only three hours and 55 minutes after leaving the west coast.

Piloted by Group Captain "Cat's Eyes" Cunningham, the flight of the Comet broke all commercial records for the Vancouver to Toronto run.

The four-jet, 60 to 76-passenger aircraft had broken the record on the Honolulu to Vancouver hop, and was demonstrated in Australia last week, where it received a rapturous welcome after flying from Britain on the first half of an around-the-world proving flight.

The plane, described as a "development aircraft" for the slightly different Comet I—which will go into production in 1958—is similar but larger than an earlier model stored in Toronto by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The plane carried the markings of the state-owned British Overseas Airways Corporation, which ordered 20 Mark I's for delivery in 1958.

The aircraft will be used between London and New York—and perhaps London to Montreal. The flight has been described by the British Government's information service as strictly a De Havilland venture.

MUST PROVE ITSELF

Canadian Pacific Airlines will not take up its option on additional Comets until it is convinced the jetliner proved itself as a safe, trouble-free plane.

The forerunner of the present Comet, the Comet II, was an ill-starred craft and was grounded after "metal fatigue" caused it to blow apart in flight near the Mediterranean island of Elba.

The flight from Vancouver to Toronto produced the fourth record the Comet had set on its round-the-world shakedown trip.

It sliced time off the London to Australia route and the Australia to Fiji Islands run as well as the Honolulu to Vancouver hop.

Yesterday, 50 lucky guests in Vancouver enjoyed a one-hour and 20-minute demonstration flight over some of the most scenic areas of British Columbia. The De Havilland Comet flew the guests over Vancouver and then headed north up the coast and over the Georgia Strait. It then turned south and followed the coast of Vancouver Island to Victoria.

At least 90 people were killed and hundreds are missing, as a result of sudden floods which swept through the town of Tripoli in Northern Lebanon, during the night.

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2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.40 "RHAPSODY" Elizabeth Taylor Vittorio Gassman	2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 "MEN OF THE FIGHTING LADY" Van Johnson Walter Pidgeon
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UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP

Nehru Appeals For Japan And Outer Mongolia

New Delhi, Dec. 18.

Mr Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, said here today that he hoped Outer Mongolia and Japan would soon be admitted to the United Nations and occupy their respective places in the world-body.

Mr Nehru said: "Japan is a big country and should be there. Outer Mongolia is not so big, but is an independent country. It would have been better if both countries had been admitted along with 16 others into the United Nations."

Former POWs Denied Benefits

Washington, Dec. 18. SENATE investigators disclosed today that the government is denying cash benefits due more than 250 former Korean war prisoners because of "secret" Army collaboration charges.

The Senate Sub-committee on Constitutional Rights said it has opened an investigation to determine whether the government action is constitutional. It wants to know if the men are being branded traitors—"a badge of infamy"—without proper trial.

New Inquiry

The War Claims Act provides that the foreign claims settlement commission pay servicemen \$250 for each day they were held captive by the Reds in Korea. No payment can be made to men who "voluntarily, knowingly and without duress" collaborated with the enemy.

The Sub-committee, which recently investigated the government's security programme, said it opened its new inquiry after members of Congress and others protested that men were being denied payments "on the basis of secret information provided by the Department of the Army."—United Press.

DEFINITION OF POLITICS

London, Dec. 18. A Conservative member of Parliament, Mr Peter Rennant, defined politics as "the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it is there or not, diagnosing it wrongly and applying the incorrect cure."

Mr Rennant was speaking at a luncheon given by the British Association of Machine Tool Merchants.—China Mail Special.

EARTH TREMOR

Nantes, Dec. 18. Frightened people fled from their homes here today and told police that an earth tremor was shaking the buildings.

There are no instruments to record earth tremors, but the Weather Bureau registered a sudden "vertical" fall of the barometer for a few moments at the time of the reported tremor.—China Mail Special.

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Rightful Place

Mr Nehru referred to the question of Chinese representation in the United Nations and said the exclusion of Communist China had not harmed China but had certainly harmed the United Nations "a great deal."

If China had been given her rightful place in the United Nations, Mr Nehru added, many difficulties facing Southeast Asia might not have arisen.

Mr Nehru said the friendship between India and China on the one hand and India and USSR on the other was being interpreted in some Western countries as "hostility" towards them.

"This is an entirely wrong approach," Mr Nehru said, adding that India was determined to have "the closest relations possible" with China.

Madame Sun said the Indian people support the Chinese on the Formosa question and the Chinese people fully back the Indians on the Goa question.

Madame Sun said the Goa problem involves "flagrant violation of the territory of an independent state."

Settlement

Madame Sun called for the admission of China into the United Nations. She said Far East problems could not be left unsolved indefinitely.

Madame Sun also called for the settlement of the problem of Formosa and the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.—Reuter and France-Press.

RECORDING BIRTH OF BABY

London, Dec. 18. Birth control specialist Granley Dick-Read announced today he plans to make a long-playing record of the birth of a baby shortly.

Mr Dick-Read, whose revolutionary methods of "child-birth without pain" have won him fame throughout Europe, says he plans to take a tape recorder with him to an unnamed birth in the near future.

The tape recorder, he said, will pick up the conversation between the doctor, nurse and the mother before the birth as well as the doctor's instructions to the mother during the actual birth.

Mr Dick-Read himself will make the introduction, he said, and explain his theory of natural birth without anaesthetics.

"My wife will describe the exercise I have evolved which will help to make this possible," he said.

"The mother's conversation will show what can be done if she is taught to relax and forget her fears."—United Press.



Sir Winston Churchill beams happily as he accepts from Mr Winthrop Rockefeller the Williamsburg Award—a Town Crier's bell—at the Drapers' Hall in London. The bell, a replica of the town crier's bell from Williamsburg, Virginia, was awarded to Sir Winston for his outstanding influence on the course of world events.—Reuterphoto.

Faure Battles Through Snow

Paris, Dec. 18.

Premier Edgar Faure battled snow drifts and hecklers today as he carried his electoral campaign into the ice-bound reaches of the French Savoy Alps.

M. Faure waded knee-deep in snow visiting some of the remotest hamlets of his eastern French Jura Department on the race for the January election of the National Assembly.

While M. Faure scaled the rugged peaks of his home district, his chief political rival, M. Pierre Mendes-France, sloshed through the lowlands of cattle-breeding Normandy to seek support for his left-centre "Republican Front."

Decoration For Former Captain

Washington, Dec. 18. A 41-year-old monk, who as a merchant marine ship captain helped ferry 14,000 Korean civilians to safety in 1950, will be decorated on Wednesday at the Korean Embassy here.

Brother Marinus of the Benedictine missionaries, St Paul's Abbey, Newton, New Jersey, was formerly Leonard P. Larue, a captain in command of the Meredith Victory of the Moore-McCormack Lines.

Jet Fuel

His ship was loaded with 3,000 barrels of jet aircraft fuel at the time. After the rescue of the civilians Larue became ill. During his convalescence he decided to enter the abbey, and he later became a member of the order.

His exploit was brought to the attention of Pres. Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea who ordered that Brother Marinus be decorated, the Moore-McCormack Lines said.—United Press.

Spending His Money

Washington, Dec. 18. Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey and Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson returned from Paris today to be greeted with reports that the Administration plans to increase foreign aid spending by some \$5,000,000,000.

Mr Wilson, who disembarked from the plane first, was shown a news story based on the report. Turning to Mr Humphrey, who was coming down the ramp, the Defence Secretary exclaimed with a grin:

"Look, they're spending your money while you're away."—United Press.

Maltese Premier Sees Colonial Secretary

London, Dec. 18.

Mr Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, said here tonight before flying home that he had been discussing "some urgent financial matters" with Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary.

Answering questions at a press conference, he forecast that his Labour Government's referendum in Malta on the issue of integration with the United Kingdom and the sending of three members of parliament to the House of Commons would take place in February.

A bill to be debated in the Maltese Parliament tomorrow will, it passed as expected, set up machinery for a free and secret referendum, the terms of which will be published later.

Mr Mintoff would not say what the "urgent financial matters" were.

All he would reveal was that they did not in any way affect the issue of integration and were really more a method of procedure in hastening economic development.—Reuter.

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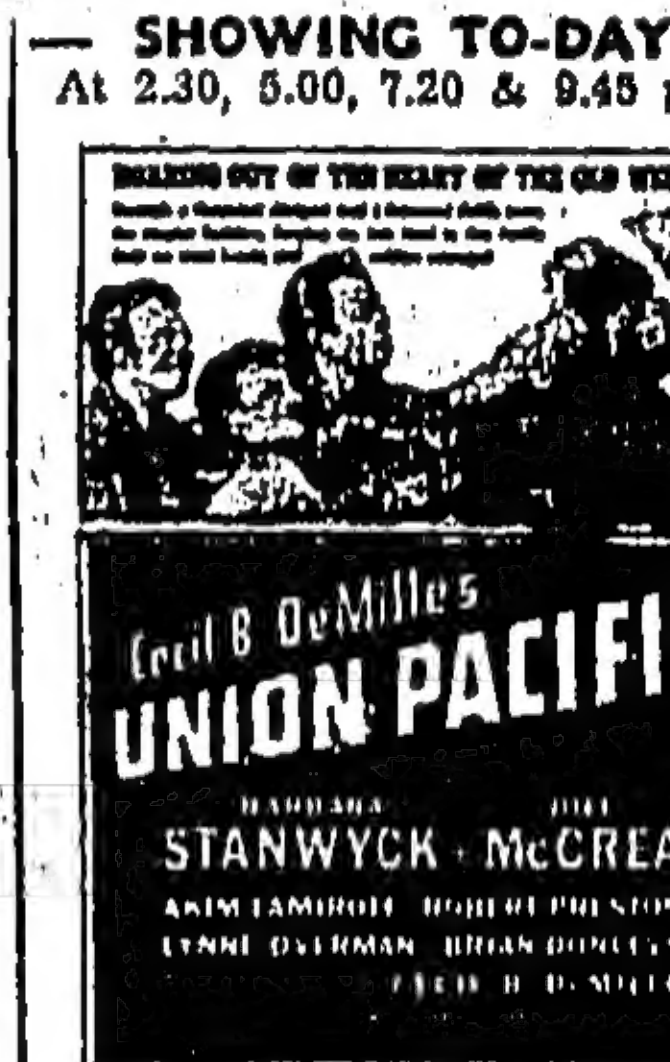


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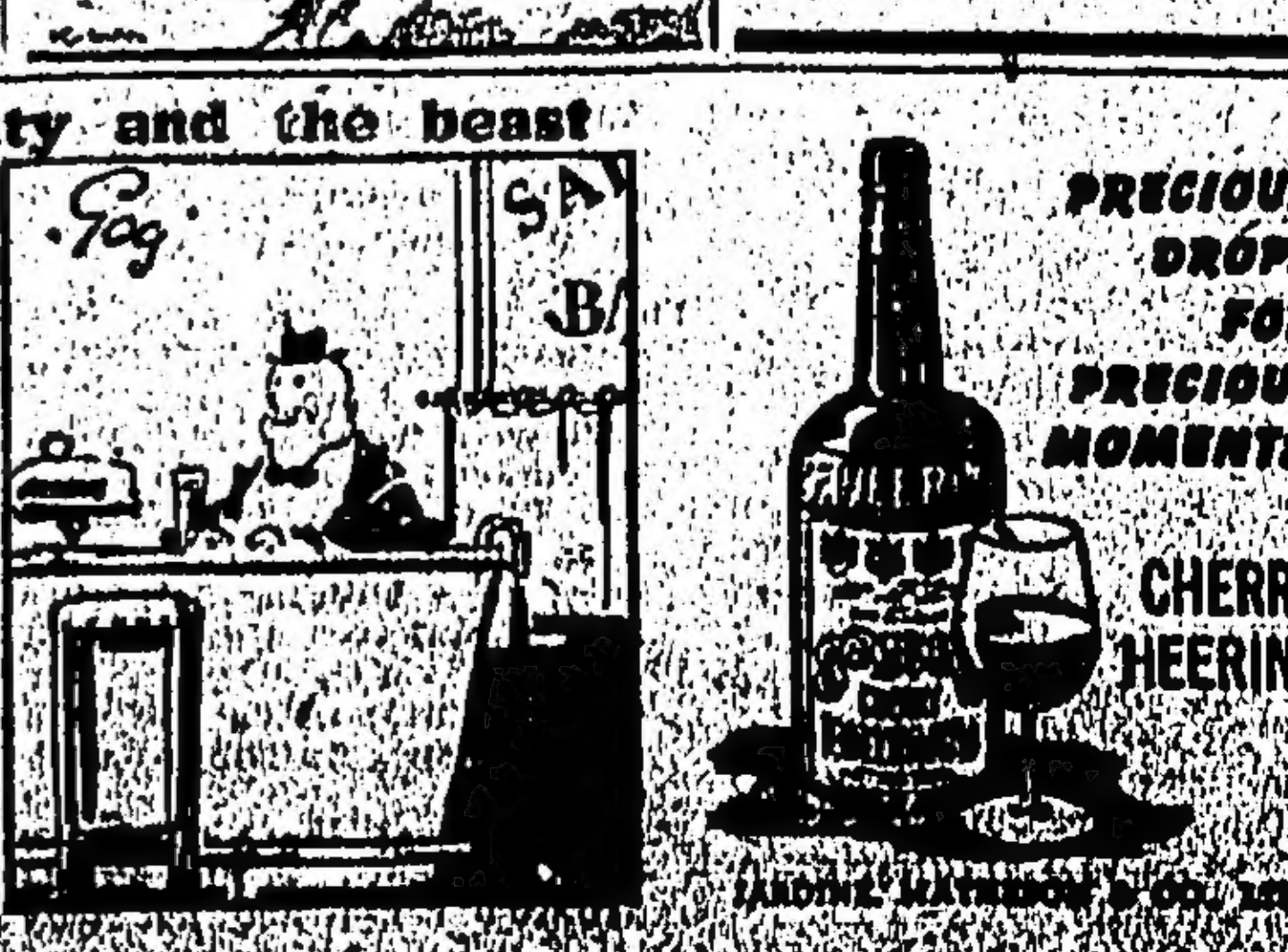
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Sen Kefauver

US Should Sell Arms To Israel —Kefauver

Minneapolis, Dec. 18. The United States should sell arms to Israel to counterbalance Soviet arms sales in the Middle East, Senator Kefauver said here today.

Sen Kefauver, speaking at a dinner given by the National Jewish Fund, said the United States must "state without equivocation that we expect Israel to be maintained and its borders safeguarded."

NATO More Solid Than Ever: Dulles

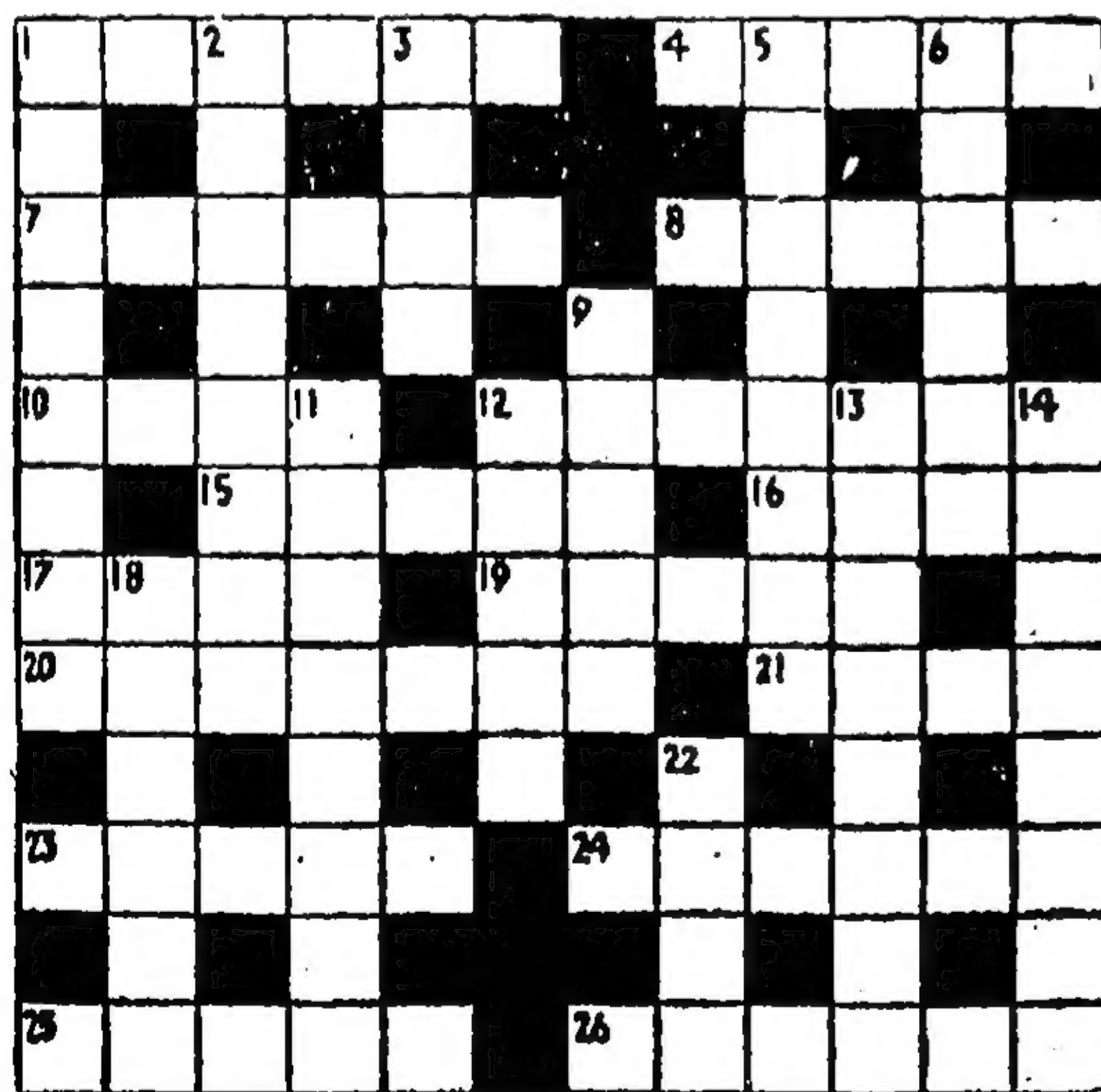
Washington, Dec. 18. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said on arrival today that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation now has a more solid foundation than ever.

Mr. Dulles, who attended the two-day NATO Council meeting in Paris last week, said he believed the meeting contributed to the feeling of freedom and security among Western nations.

Mr. Dulles was met at the airport by Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Herbert Hoover Jr. and the ambassadors of four NATO countries, France, Britain, Italy and West Germany.

Mr. Dulles said the NATO meeting had proclaimed anew that West Germany was the sole government which represents the German people. —France Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Groove (6).
- 2 Avarice (6).
- 3 Method (6).
- 4 Swift (5).
- 5 Come into sight (4).
- 6 Tails (7).
- 7 Mad (5).
- 8 Despatched (4).
- 9 Always (4).
- 10 Prevent (5).
- 11 Dwells (7).
- 12 Tot (4).
- 13 Trembling tree (5).
- 14 Threefold (6).
- 15 Near (5).
- 16 Stuck (6).
- 17 Soldier (6).
- 18 Puts back (6).
- 19 Frank (4).
- 20 Liberated (6).
- 21 Team (6).
- 22 Clans (6).
- 23 Sailors (6).
- 24 Additional clause (5).
- 25 Dile (6).
- 26 Wild night (6).
- 27 Ship (6).
- 28 Poke (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Displays, 8 Afrail, 9 Searched, 11 Militant, 12 True, 13 Infer, 18 Tares, 19 Lees, 22 Mallinger, 24 Consolated, 25 Bullen, 26 Dispersed. Down: 1 Harms, 2 Droll, 3 Distant, 4 Idea, 5 Port, 6 Ashore, 7 Sudden, 10 Anger, 14 Fatal, 16 Residue, 18 Flacio, 19 Tamed, 20 Agile, 21 Brick, 23 Mole, 25 Lark.

Government Moving Too Slowly Over Cyprus Says Gaitskell

London, Dec. 18.

Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the new leader of Britain's Labour Party, said at Keighley tonight that the government had moved far too slowly from the "impossible position" that Cyprus would never be granted the right of self-determination.

He was speaking at a Labour Party meeting. "In Cyprus, we find ourselves in the profoundly distasteful position of once again trying to suppress by force a popular movement for freedom and self-determination," Mr Gaitskell added.

"I cannot help feeling that in view of our long friendship with Greece and our alliance with Turkey—both members of NATO—it could have been possible to reach agreement on Cyprus, perhaps with the help of some of our other allies, if only we had been ready to put forward a positive programme of self-determination subject to conditions regarding security and Turkish rights."

Like Settlement

On the Middle East, Mr Gaitskell said that the supply of arms by Russia and her satellites to Egypt and other Arab states, he introduced a "new and dangerous situation" between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

"We should like to see a settlement of the dispute between them," he said. "But, in any respect, we believe the British Government's attitude has been mistaken. It is to be expected that the parties to this dispute are going to be ready to make a settlement."

"That is why in our view it was essential emphatically to reaffirm the bipartite character of the existing frontiers, and to ensure that we, with America and France, are ready to resist aggression."

"That is why we (the Labour Party) have pressed in Parliament for a defensive pact with Israel similar to the pact we have with Jordan."

"That is why we believe we must, as far as possible, ensure that neither the Arab states, on the one side, nor Israel, on the other, are so much better supplied with arms that they can expect to win an aggressive war."

Frontiers Guaranteed

Mr Gaitskell said Britain should not take sides in the situation and declared that in a recent speech, Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, had accepted the impression that he favoured the Arab states against Israel.

"We have guaranteed Israel's existing frontiers and we have to stand by that guarantee," he said. "Some of us at least feel that a people who have been bound and persecuted and mastered throughout the ages should now be allowed to live and flourish in peace."

Mr Gaitskell said that the Soviet leaders, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, were launching, judging from their speeches in London and Moscow, a new propaganda and concerted drive in the cold war to try to win over to communism the uncommitted states of the East.

But the Labour leader commended to the Russians the example of the British Labour Government in giving freedom to 500 million people in South-east Asia.

"Let them give freedom in their turn to the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe whom they at present dominate by the power of their arms and the dictatorship of the Communist Party," he declared.

Addressing his own government, he said that while economic aid had been and is being provided by the Western democracies, and especially America, to the less developed territories of South Asia, a new initiative in this field is long overdue.

Help Development

"There is probably no more important world problem than that of saving these uncommitted areas from communism and helping them to develop as democracies."

"Let me add at once that in my view the aid should be given without any strings attached."

"Now is the time for a new and imaginative step in this field," he concluded. —Reuter.

ANTARCTIC AIRSTRIP BUILT

Wellington, Dec. 18.

An airstrip marked out on ice about 144 feet thick is ready at McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, to receive aircraft of the United States Antarctic expedition which are standing by in New Zealand.

A United States Navy spokesman said in Christchurch today that the American icebreaker Glacier arrived at McMurdo Sound, in the Ross Sea, yesterday, and that the commanding officer of the air squadron, Commander G. K. Ebbo, had selected a runway.

It is marked out with red flags and is 8,000 feet long, 150 feet wide and covered with two inches of hard packed snow.

The Glacier, spearhead of the American expedition, which is setting up bases and airfields for the 1957-8 Geophysical Year explorations, reached McMurdo Sound seven days after leaving Lyttelton, in New Zealand's south island.

The spokesman said that weather reports and forecasts were now being received from vessels stretched between New Zealand and the Ross Sea.

He said that aircraft would take off as soon as the weather was favourable.

The earliest possible time of departure has been postponed until 0400 local time on Tuesday (1900 GMT, tomorrow). —China Mail Special.

SALUTE IKE DINNERS

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Republican Party today announced that "salute to Eisenhower" dinners would be held in 61 cities across the United States on January 20. The dinners which will be linked together by a closed circuit television broadcast will set off a party and raising drive for the 1956 campaign and also observe the third anniversary of President Eisenhower's inauguration. —Reuter.



With a smile, Princess Margaret shakes hands with Hartnell fashion model Dolores at a fashion show staged at Hamilton House, Piccadilly, London. The Princess attended the show with the Queen Mother. —Reuterphoto.

Traffic Accidents Mount In Intense Cold

Chicago, Dec. 18.

A frigid Arctic air mass spread southward over the Rockies and the Middle West today and weathermen warned that no relief was in sight.

The storm dumped tons of snow over the northern group of states and tumbled temperatures to well below zero Fahrenheit.

Traffic accidents mounted on ice-littered highways and at least 15 fatalities were attributed directly to the weather, a survey showed. Five teenagers were killed near Gillette, Wyoming, when a Burlington Railroad train hit their truck.

Four persons were killed in a head-on crash of an oilfield equipment truck and a car near Lagrange, Texas, in heavy morning fog.

Below-zero temperatures were the rule rather than the exception over the northern Rockies and mid-west as far South as part of Iowa and Nebraska.

Coldest Spot

Grantsburg, Wisconsin, apparently was the country's coldest spot, reporting 27 below zero.

Snow accompanied the bitter cold, piling up along the nation's Northern border. Houghton, Michigan, a ski centre, had 36 inches of snow on the ground.

The Weather Bureau said the cold wave would be strengthened further by a new push of Arctic air. It said temperatures would dip to 30 below zero in the western mid-west tonight, spreading eastward by tomorrow night.

While the Mid-West and Rockies shivered, warmer temperatures were reported in the southwest, northern plains and lower Missouri Valley. —United Press.

Russia Plans Million TV Sets

London, Dec. 18.

Russia plans to produce "about a million" television sets in 1956 and build more than 40 television broadcasting stations in the next few years, Moscow Radio reported.

The radio said people in the southern oil city of Baku, and in Minsk, Byelorussia, would soon be able to look in on television.

Transmitters were also being built in Gorky, Stalingrad and Tbilisi, Georgia, Vilnius (Lithuania), Kuibyshev on the Volga, and Tashkent, in the southern Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan.

The radio said a steel mast 800 feet high was being built during modernization at the Moscow station, where the power of transmitters was being stepped up. The first television theatre, in Moscow's Hermitage Gardens, had a screen measuring nine and a half by 18 feet.

Successful tests showed it might be possible to build similar theatres in country towns, and workers settled nearby in the Moscow region. —China Mail Special.

Hitler's Adjutant May Be In E. Germany

Bonn, Dec. 18.

OTTO Guenschke, Hitler's Adjutant, may be among a group of German prisoners from Russia who were handed over to East German authorities yesterday, returned prisoners said at Friedland Camp today.

Protested

The East German news agency ADN, which reported the men's arrival, said only that the group was of war criminals whose crimes were so serious that they could not be released.

Prisoners released here two days ago who had met Guenschke at Sverdlovsk transit camp in the Urals said he told them the Russians had put them on the list for East Germany because his mother lived there.

The prisoners quoted him as saying that he had protested against this without effect.

In their verbal promise to Dr Adenauer, the Russian leaders said they would release a total of 9,620 prisoners, of whom 749 were serious cases to be handed over to East German and West German legal authorities.

Reports reaching here said the group which reached East Germany yesterday numbered 269. None of the 749 "serious cases" had yet arrived in West Germany. —Reuter.

New S. African Political Party

Johannesburg, Dec. 18.

South Africa has now a new political party, the "South African Group", situated midway between the National Party and the opposition United Party.

The South African Group's programme includes closer co-operation between the Afrikaner and British sections of the community.

It recognises the historic right of South African tribes to their ancestral homes, but "invites" them to concentrate "favorably" in the territories where they are already naturally grouped. —France Press.

Princess Meets Fashion Model

Pageant Of Peace PROMISE BRIGHT FOR FUTURE SAYS PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 18.

President Eisenhower said today in a special Christmas message that "human understanding and human sympathy" can surmount even "those obstacles that some Governments try to raise . . . to divide us."

From the office of the president of Gettysburg College some 80 miles from here, Mr Eisenhower pressed a gold key and lighted a huge Christmas tree in the "Pageant of Peace" exhibit in front of the White House.

"This Christmas is brighter in promise for the future than any we have known in recent years," he declared solemnly, "even brighter than last year, which was the first Christmas in many years that was not marred by the tragic incident of war."

The lighting of the gigantic spruce signalled similar ceremonies at US embassies and military bases around the world. The Pageant features a "Pathway of Peace," at one end of which is a life-size Nativity scene on a white and green stage.

Along the pathway are a series of smaller trees donated by various states and various foreign embassies, some decorated in native style. The Turkish tree bears a star and crescent. Indonesia has the ornate facade of a miniature temple, guarded by two lions. Bnai Brith, a Jewish organization has a scroll bearing a text from Isaiah. —United Press.

It Worked

After pressing the gold key that lighted the towering 65-foot South Dakota spruce, Mr Eisenhower chuckled and said: "Well, it worked."

The tree, with its hundreds of gaily-coloured bulbs, is the centrepiece of the Pageant of Peace exhibit on the Ellipse facing the White House. Forty foreign embassies have greetings displayed and many of the 48 states have their own Christmas trees.

Mr Eisenhower, addressing himself to "My fellow men and women of every nation," said that for "hundreds of millions Christmas symbolises the deepest aspirations of peace and goodwill among men."

The President said "Peace is the right of every human being," and that he was sure his prayer for peace was shared by the "multitudes of the world, the great and meek, the proud and poor, the successful and the failures, the dispirited and the hopeful." He said the hope for peace must never die in the hearts and minds of men.

Another Girl Friend For RAF

London, Dec. 18.

The Royal Air Force is getting a new girl friend—Sarah.

She joins Mae West, Babe, and Robert in the little black books of British airmen as the girls they like most to be with when stranded in the briny deep.

Sarah is a compact but powerful radio homing beacon which can be picked up by search aircraft within 70 miles of a downed plane.

Nearly all the RAF's fighter aircraft have been equipped with the apparatus, and it probably will be adopted by international forces in the near future. —United Press.

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Mrs. Menuhin darns in 4th dimension

LONDON
MRS YEHUDI MENUHIN sat in her own private version of the Fourth Dimension and darned her husband's vest.

A cacophony of telephone calls, interviews, visitors—high-lighted by a brilliant shaft of sun and made exotic by at least eight crowded vases of flowers—did not disturb the animated concentration of her darning.

"The present I have lived already," she explained, her needle dashing through the exclusive crepe saute of the vest. "I went through this morning two years ago when I planned it. I always know what I am doing roughly two years ahead."

UNPREDICTED

The hole in the vest, at least, was unpredictable.

His other vests were lost—and crepe saute (a fine mixture of silk and cotton) was unobtainable in London. It was just one of those little gaps in the vast, predictable plan of the Menuhin life that she, as wife, was there to fill in.

The virtuoso's rehearsal shirt had also disappeared—so in two minutes she was going to dash out and get another.

Diana Menuhin's attitude to lost luggage is fatalistic, but she makes it a gay fatalism. "It couldn't matter less if I lose something, I think. How lovely, instead of 14 suitcases to count there are now only 11."

HAWK FACE

Another loss might have been her diary ("the only coherent thing in my life"), this she recovered by looking in the luggage office under "Y" for Yehudi, rather than "M" for Menuhin—"My husband doesn't seem to have a surname—he is always Yehudi to everyone."

Yehudi was displaying a fine sculptured ankle under a red

dressing-gown. His face like a pale and gentle hawk's over the through which he carries on, guileless, he later changed into a shirt—equally bright. His face stayed reflective and pale.

Chief integrator of his remarkable life is his wife—not a "quiet-the-musical-is-thinking" character at all. She keeps a lively stir of planning, chatting and bustling about around him.



MRS. MENUHIN — "I prepare two years ahead."

through which he carries on, courteous, imperturbable and patiently enchanted by her animation.

"Won't you sit down if you can find something without a violin on it," she invites the visitor, slightly unimpressed at the possibility of sitting on a Stradivarius.

"Nothing but silk cloth and Yehudi is allowed to touch them."

When ballet-dancer Diana Gould married her celebrated husband in 1947 she changed her street plan of London for a world atlas.

"I always said I would have to marry someone for whom I would go do."

by
ANNE SHARPLEY

HER SYSTEM

Her system for a life which can find her in three continents in as many weeks?

Caches. Caches of clothes in every part of the world.

In Switzerland are kept the mountain and beach clothes (for Italy).

"What does it matter if I'm seen in the same beach clothes at Levitt two years running. It's madness to cast clothes around. Of course, it goes wrong sometimes when, for instance, we arrive in Helsinki in summer and find there's nothing but fur coats to wear."

The Menuhin day begins at 7.30 and ends at midnight.

People rather imagine my morning is spent having my face done. In fact, I am in choosing a dress and the evening in wearing it.

We are so busy, always, it is unbelievable. If we ever have a spare evening to go to the theatre I get practically sick with excitement the night before. It happens so rarely.

Thirty letters to be answered a day is average. Yehudi answers the business letters' (secretaries are also cached).

SHOPPING SPREE

"I answer the private letters in a long hand that nobody can read. I always hope it will stop them writing."

During the ten days' stay in London she will buy clothes for their sons, Smithy, aged six, and Jeremy, ten, at home in California. "I always buy their clothes in London."

But true to her two-years-ahead-plan she is gambling that Smithy will have grown two inches by the time he is eight—and buying his pyjamas accordingly.

One thing remains constant in the ever-changing life of Diana Menuhin. Her husband's lack of temperance.

"He is so quiet, so placid," she says. "If anyone has the temperance—it's me."

"Stanley, wake up and tell Santa Claus here we've lost our way, and the last thing we're thinking of at the moment is stealing his chickens."

London Express Service

DON IDDON concludes THE NEW EVEREST ADVENTURE

AS THE X-2 HURTTLES TOWARDS ITS GOAL

Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert.

THE British rate high here. Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd Garland said to me: "Without Sir Frank Whittle there would have been none of this"—gesturing at the rocket and jet planes. He added: "I knew Whittle before his knighthood; he is a wonderful man."

The deputy commander of the base, Colonel Robert Caldwell, told me: "I am just back from London. I am very fond of the British. London is magnificent."

Quite a change

THE Mojave Desert is quite a change after London. No one I have talked to here has complained about the

These men are blazing a trail for space travel of tomorrow

dull, barren life apart from the flying, but it can't be much fun.

Just as at the Strategic Air Command base the pilots here make sports motoring their hobby. But it is the planes themselves which are the real love of the pilots. The Douglas Skyrocket is the best-loved, but the new Bell Xs have outmoded the Skyrocket.

The new Bells are known as "The Beasts." Test pilot Bill Bridgman says: "I had heard vaguely about an experimental ship that was mysteriously taking form behind locked doors... she was the first classical super-

sonic design capable of flying at sustained speed only touched briefly by the Skyrocket. A 'going' supersonic airplane.

"On the ground in front of a door marked 'Keep Out, Secret Project MX 666-MX 667' a company policeman stood guard. Cautiously he scrutinised my pass. 'O.K.'—he snapped it back into my hand and opened the door.

New breed

"POSED menacingly in the centre of the room was a full-size mock-up of the most extraordinary aircraft I have ever seen—a sinister 45ft-long, out-of-this-world design that looked incapable of flight.

"The Skyrocket was an airplane—but not this thing.

"This was a new breed, all long, narrow body, wrapped tightly around twin jet engines bulging out from her sides that tapered in to an enormously long projectile nose.

"Far back out her engine-fat sides protruded thin, straight, stubby mirror metal wings... There would be nothing like her flying for probably another five or six years. This was tomorrow."

The Bell X-2, Colonel Everest's rocket-ship, is the pride of the base. It looks lethal to me. It is capable, I believe, of flying over 100,000ft. at more than 2,000 m.p.h.

Limitless area

COLONEL Everest himself writes: "In 1947 the great challenge was the sound barrier—that seemingly impassable wall of shock waves and buffeting that the plane hit at the speed of sound. Major Chuck Yeager first demolished that.

"Now I will take the X-2 into a new and an awesome 'barrier'—not one specific point like the sound barrier but an almost limitless area where air friction increases with the speed and produces a temperature of 1,000 degrees at 2,000 m.p.h.

"Hours before flight time the tiny X-2 will be shackled to the bomb bays of the huge B-50 mother ship which will take me 30,000ft. up before dropping me into space.

"From the darkness of the bomb bay I plunge into the bright blue sky.

"My stomach seems to drop from under me as the plane falls. One wing dips—I straighten it. The plane wallows—I fight to control it. Two seconds. Three seconds. I start the rocket engines.

"The plane comes to life, and we scream through space towards that dream of exceeding 2,000 m.p.h. and breaking through the heat barrier.

"The plane that will carry me into the unknown is packed with engineering miracles. The X-2's rocket engines have a thrust equal to that which drives a U.S. naval cruiser.

"Whatever happens in flight it will happen so fast that my reaction must be instantaneous, automatic.

"I have sat for hours on end in the cockpit with my eyes closed testing myself on the location and operation of every switch and dial.

"A question often asked me is whether we haven't reached the point where the human body cannot keep up with the vast complexity of faster and faster flight.

Underestimated

"I SAY that man's strength and potentialities are too often underestimated. What's more, as planes get more complex the engineer's genius has simplified the controls a pilot must operate, so that eventually he will become the monitor, the brain of an almost automatic machine.

"But always people ask the one big question: at that moment in the cockpit of the X-2 when I call the final word Drop and go plunging through space, what will I feel?

"Only the first impact of the rockets' enormous thrust as they slam me back against the seat. After that—nothing.

"Around me will be the sky, not yellow with sunlight as on earth where the sun's rays reflect on dust particles in the air—a sky of rich, intense blue.

"I will be completely alone where no man can help me, as the X-2 hurtles towards its goal."

And when the goal is reached the last frontier will have been crossed.

Everest will have conquered space.

THE MAN WITH 374 CLOWNS

By
Richard Findlater

WHEN Mr Stan Bult gets back to his Croydon home at night, he is always sure of a welcome from 376 faces. Two of these belong to his sisters; the rest belong to Britain's circus clowns—to whom he is Boswell, Gibbon and Gainsborough rolled into one.

Although the clowns may have lost their power and glory in the ring, they have a national shrine and portrait gallery in the house of this elderly Londoner—a sedate, wing-collared, grey-haired fanatic who, under doctor's orders, now lives on a curfew. ("I sink into bed at 8 p.m., and rise reluctantly at 7.15 a.m.")

Nobody has ever set Mr Bult's trousers on fire, or chased him screaming round the sawdust. He has never painted, his nose red, or helped to take down the Big Top. But he is a walking encyclopedia of clowning, well-known to all Britain's merry-men.

Most of his portraits are taken from life. While the band thunders out its Sousa, and the horses prance around the ring, Mr Bult sits with his crayons in the dressing-room—drawing the clown's make-up on paper, in close-up, as quickly as he can.

Often his work is interrupted, while the sifter tears out at high speed for a bit of tumble between the acts. ("The clown's motto: 'Always ready,' you know," says Mr Bult, approvingly.) But he's not satisfied until he gets the clown to sign the portrait, guaranteeing its authenticity.

EASTERN DEBT

To an expert like Mr Bult, every picture tells a story. There is a world of meaning in the gradient of an eyebrow or the colour of a nose.

Later, when time permits, he transfers these faces from paper to a more permanent medium—eggs. Here Mr Bult acknowledged his debt to the East.

At first, in preparing his canvas, he used "to make two little holes and blow out the contents." But then he acquired three antique Chinese eggs, whose painters used a different method.

Now Mr Bult, having carefully selected the right shape—"you can't get a round-faced man on to a long-faced egg"—gently taps a small hole in the back, working out the eggshell with tweezers to avoid splits. Having emptied the egg, he washes it, fills it with plaster, covers the hole with adhesive paper—and paints the clown's face on the whole surface.

Hens usually supply the raw material of Mr Bult's rare art, but "duck eggs are very handy. We happen to have a duck at home."

Londoners have the chance this month of seeing some of his work at the Arts Theatre Club's exhibition of clowning.

And it is not only the egg-paintings which give Mr Bult his special status in clownland. He has a Who's Who of over two thousand performers, alive and dead, at home and abroad.

He is founder and organising secretary of the International Circus Club.

SIX YEARS OLD

The club is six years old, but Mr Bult has been clowning since the turn of the century, when his family moved to West Norwood.

Looking over the wall, young Stan discovered that he had most unusual neighbours. It was a real circus in the back garden. "They were the only people in the world to train emus," Mr Bult recalls wistfully. "We used to feed them over the wall."

The emus have gone, but he is still a firm devotee of the family—and ever since then he has been a devotee of the circus.

If you want to know the colour of Flory Jack's ears or the cut of Emmett Kelly's rage, consult Mr Bult.

If you want to know whether broken hearts really do beat beneath the motley, you should apply to him.

If you want a make-up of your own, he will design a new, copyright face for you (for a guinea). But only between 8 and 7.30 in the evening.

For during the day Mr Bult is busy elsewhere. At a desk in a London museum.

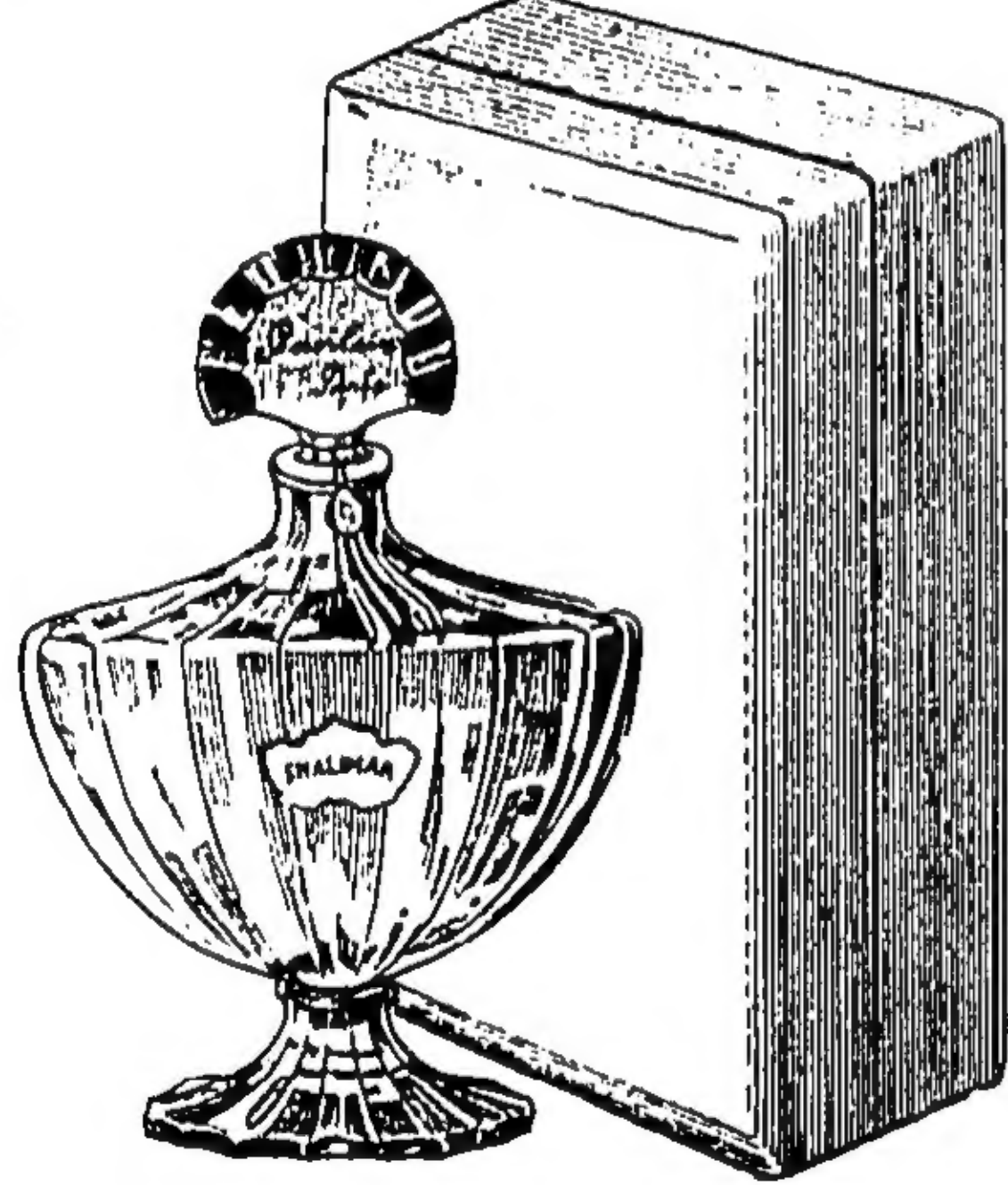
Here, for 35 years, he has been absorbed in another part of his life work—lecturing on the history of the circus.

but I can say no more. Mr Bult prefers to keep it a secret, in print. For 35 years he has kept his two worlds strictly apart: he owes it to both of them.

There's not a whiff of green-gaine or sawdust in that book-lined room, where he sits gravely in front of a gas fire, with his medicine at hand, and things in bottles on the shelves.

The world's authority on circus clowns has been transformed into a quiet, elderly man of the bookish type.

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Men Prefer Milk-shakes, So Horses Have Wine

From RITCHIE McEWEN

Vienna. TEN percent of Austria's 60,000 acres of flourishing vineyards, many of which have been cultivated for more than a thousand years, are doomed to be ploughed up next Spring unless more Austrians drink more wine.

At present, complain Austria's association of wine growers, Austrians seem to prefer what the association describes as "baby food" in the form of milk shakes, ice cream sodas and yoghurt.

The association further complains that only three out of every ten Austrians of "drinking age" now call for their "Viertel," or half pint of wine a day. If the present trend continues, the association's Austria will be on the wagon by 1960.

Proof that the association is accurate enough in its assessment of the position can be gained from the fact that the cellars of every wholesale wine merchant in the country are packed with barrels of last year's vintage, and that wine growers are now offering a large part of this season's grape harvest to neighbouring farmers as fodder for their horses and other animals rather than allow the grapes to ferment into wine which they cannot sell.

Even at a bargain basement price of only 6d a pint for medium quality wines and 1s. 4d. for the finest of the "golden drops," there are still no takers among the wholesalers for famous wines which not so long ago were exported all over the world.

Hardest hit of Austria's wine-growing communities is the district of Reitz, in the former Russian occupied province of Lower Austria.

In the town of Reitz itself, the entire market square, the largest in the whole of Austria, is built on stone "stilts" and forms the roof of one vast wine cellar, which is owned by the community at large. Today, for the first time in living memory, the cellar is full of unwanted wine.

May Mean Ruin

If the stilts were knocked away, the entire market square would not collapse: it would simply float on a calm, heady sea of several million gallons of "unsold" and "thwarted exports."

To combat the growing abstinence, which ultimately may spell complete ruin to more than 200,000 wine growers, the association is publicising the health-giving benefits of a "grape cure."

Two pints of grape juice, says the association, is sufficient to replace the energy used up by a football player during 90 hectic minutes of "cup play." Drink grape juice regularly and you will never have any trouble with your liver. Much grapes on two days in the week and you'll live longer. And, ladies, if you want to keep that peachy and dream complexion, keep a pound of grapes on your dressing table. Or rather—don't keep them there. Eat them!

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BRILLIANT SOUTH CHINA SLASH THE EASTERN SAGA TO TATTERED RIBBONS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Before some 30,000 incredulous witnesses in and around the Hong-kong Stadium yesterday the Eastern saga was irretrievably shattered, ripped to shreds, and tossed to the four winds by a South China side that systematically slashed its way through the League leaders' tottering defence with an ease that left us aghast.

Usually there is a place for at least passing sympathy at the fall of heroes or gallant fighters but few who saw this Eastern annihilation will shed very many tears.

If ever a side got exactly what it deserved that side was Eastern yesterday. For in their bitter moment of degradation some of their so-called 'big' names showed just how small they could really be.

Why Chu Wing-keung was permitted to stay on the field after a blatant foul on Mok Chun-wah as he lay defenceless on the ground is something that many many people found very hard to understand.

As it was, Referee Tucker took his name, but that was something he might have done just as easily on several other occasions.

LASTING 'CREDIT'

Chu was not however the only Eastern offender and it stands to the lasting credit of South China that—apart from

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FLYING KICK



Gratrix, Blackpool centre-half, takes a flying kick in an attempt to get the ball away from McClellan (left), Tottenham Hotspur outside-right, during the First Division match at White Hart Lane, London, on December 8. The match finished in a one-all draw.—Reuterphoto.

Quality Not Quantity Is The Answer To Please Soccer And Cricket Fans

London, Dec. 19.

Ways and means are being desperately sought by leading soccer officials to raise the standard of British teams internationally.

The almost general suggestion is to cut the League matches and concentrate on building national sides. Less routine stuff; more highly competitive matches.

It seems that the cricket moguls feel the same way about England's other great national game. Ronald Ald, Secretary of the MCC, the governing body of the game, wants to cut down the County cricket fixtures. He thinks the way to better cricket is to cut the quantity and concentrate on the quality. Just what his soccer counterparts have been saying.

In the case of the high-ups of cricket the remedy lies in their own hands. They can demand that the fixtures be cut and reorganise the whole system of the game in this country.

Many suggestions have already come from lovers of the game who have taken careful note of the Australian system, which, judged by the high standard of its players, is a good one. Three club games and a few State matches enable the players to get all the competition they need and keep to their peak throughout the season.

CRICKET GRIND

In England there is the daily cricket grind between the Counties with players in the field six days a week and travelling all over the country. How can they keep fresh and fit, especially when foreign tours in the close season are thrown in for good measure.

"One excellent suggestion is to divide the Counties into two Divisions with relegation and promotion as is done in the soccer League and let them also play just the one match a week. This would provide the necessary incentive and give players the necessary rest."

The County players could, if needs be, help club cricketers over the week-end without feeling they were overplaying and so raise the general standard of the game.

There have been any number of other suggestions for making cricket better, brighter and more competitive by cutting down the number of days play, the hours of play and changing the point scoring system. But a premium on outright win instead of first innings points is one such plea.

One cricket writer points out that under the present system of giving first innings points to a

Saints Score Well Earned 7-5 Victory Over Unbeaten Braves Yesterday

Says "TIME OUT"

Lanky hot-corner guardman Benny Omar of the Saints spearheaded the attack with a brilliant three-in-four attempt at the plate to see the St Joseph's squad through with a 7-5 victory over Ed Carvalho's unbeaten Braves in a softball thriller at King's Park yesterday.

Though they outthrew their opponents 12-7, the League-leading Braves had to take a back seat in this game as ragged base-running saw several 'potential runs' dying along the base paths.

The only other Senior "A" Division game played saw Eddie Marques' Warriors trouncing the lowly Chinese Athletics 8-3 behind the masterful one-hit hurling performance of 'Goose' Wong who claimed five batters at the plate via the strikeout route.

Outfielder Terry Ewins paved the way for the Warriors' attack with a brilliant three-in-three effort besides turning in an exceptionally good job in the outfield.

In the Senior "B" section, the up-and-coming Hurricanes, behind the steady pitching of Clyde Kwok, once again pulled off a 'surprise package' as they tagged S. Hamel's Comets with a 10-5 decision. In the other tussle, Charlie Remedios' Delawares ran roughshod over the cellar-dwelling University nine with a 22-3 score.

After their recent upset over the Wahoes, the youthful Colleen girls sank back into their error-filled form when they pulled off no less than twenty blunders to grant the Capandies a 18-12 triumph in a game that lasted nearly two hours. Taking on the rookie Tai Tung schoolgirls in the far diamond, the Champion Wahoes greatly humiliated their weak opponents with an unimpeachable 43-2 result in a five-inning squelch.

MINOR LOOP

In the minor loop the League-leading Dodgers kept their slate clean with a 21-0 victory as pitcher R. Pucheco turned in a no-hit no-run game. The youthful Seminoles kept in step with a neat 10-5 win while the Chinese Athletics beat the Wah Ying outfit 9-5 and the Eagles won the Lion Cubs 14-6.

After unsuccessful attempts by most Senior leagues to topple the League-leading Braves, Jindo Kussner's Saint Joseph's, last year Champions, dashed out a brilliant brand of ball to snap the Braves' winning streak with a 7-5 victory. Spearheading the Saints' attack was last year's M.V.P. winner Benny Omar, hot-corner guardman, who connected three in his four trips to the plate, driving in two runs with himself crossing the plate twice.

Taking the initiative right from the start, lead off batter Art Ozorio worked for a free pass to first, stealing second on the next pitch. Hero of the day, Benny Omar then latched on to a fat 'letter high' pitch, sending it in a line over second base.

When the spheroid was finally controlled under the scoreboard at centrefield, Ozorio had scored and Omar had settled at third. A. K. Ismail then laid down a bunt which losing hurler Vic Pedruco threw wildly to first with Omar scoring and Ismail touching.

'Bombard' Leonard then worked a fly to left for the first out, advancing Ismail. But a hasty attempt to sneak home in a later play saw him dying for the second out, while giving teammate Donaldson a life on a fielder's choice. Gusie Pereira punched out a single to place runners on first and second but 'Red' Pereira grounded feebly for the third out.

The Braves' first saw Carluo Yvanovich walking after one out and racing to third on Dhabor's smash to centrefield after Junior Remedios had fled out. Antonio Gutierrez then sent a hard grounder towards third but Omar hung on to it and threw.

The second frame saw the Saints, gulling further ahead with another two runs as Sherry Bucks walked, Salih sacrificing him to second. On a wild pitch he scooted to third. Ozorio popped for the second out. Benny Omar again lined in his favourite pasture, right field, chasing in Bucks and when the ball eluded outfielder Frank Loureiro, Omar continued all the way to third. A. K. Ismail then beat out a bunt along first base to score Omar.

With the Tribe keeping idle in their helms of the innings the Joys sneaked in another

run in their third on a timely bingle by 'Red' Pereira to score Donaldson and another in their fourth when hurler Salih walked, advanced on an out and a hit and came across on a sneak.

Both sides then settled down to steady playing with the Saints nursing a comfortable 6-0 lead going into the sixth frame. The bottom half of this frame nearly saw disaster befalling the Saints as the mighty Braves came back to life with a 'bang' scoring five runs on six hits to pull themselves right back into the game.

Carluo 'old reliable' Yvanovich started things going with a hit to left. Bullhawk Junior Remedios then obtained a life on a fumble and Dhabor slammed one right back at Salih for a single to load the sacks. Tony Gutierrez then fled out to deep leftfield to score Yvanovich. Derrick Smirke's hard grounder to third was heaved wildly. Remedios scoring while Dhabor and Smirke settled at third and second bases respectively. A wild pitch then put Dhabor across.

Spikes Gutierrez, pinch-hitting for Frank Loureiro, came through nicely with a sizzling double into centrefield gardens for another Bravo tally. Vic Pedruco grounded for the second out, while batter-mate Reggie Matos punched a short single to centre to chase Gutierrez across.

At this crucial stage pitcher Salih, under the fusillade of hits by his opponents, began to scramble slowly, giving up successive hits to Jack Hawn and Carluo Yvanovich to load the bases all over again.

Junior Remedios then stepped into the batter's box and the Braves' quarter went wild with enthusiasm but this time Remedios failed in the clutch, as he went for Salih's first pitch, sending an easy grounder to second for a force out to end the rally, leaving the Braves behind 6-6.

DISASTROUS INNING After that disastrous innings the Saints once again set forth in earnest to widen the gap. A. K. Ismail obtaining a bunt hit after one out. A miscue at the plate saw him sitting at second while another out pushed him all the way to third. Ken Donaldson then drew a base on balls, advancing when Braves' infielder made another bungle to allow Ismail to clear the rubber for the insurance run. Gus Pereira then flew to left to retire the side.

The Braves' last-ditch effort at bat saw Tony Gutierrez obtaining a life after one out and moving to second on Smirke's screaming liner over the hot corner. A pitched ball momentarily escaped the mitt of Salih, catcher 'Red' Pereira and Gutierrez made a bee-line for third, but Pereira quickly relayed the spheroid to Omar who plastered it on him for the vital second out. Tension then subsided and Spikes Gutierrez was nipped for the third and final out.

Though batting honours were captured by the Braves, the Saints had the edge in every other department in this long-awaited tussle, displaying their Championship form that won them their past pennants. Needless to say, the masterful hitting of third baseman Benny Omar of the Saints claimed the laurels as he accounted for four of the seven runs scored.

For the Braves Carluo 'old reliable' Yvanovich again walked off with top honours, chalked up three hits in as many tries, while teammates Derrick Smirke and Reggie Matos paced him with a two-in-three attempt each. However, these were not in the clutch and only produced two runs.

'Goose' Wong, playing his first game in a Warriors uniform, turned in a brilliant one-hitter to pave the way for a convincing 8-3 victory over the Chinese Athletics. The lone single coming off the hickory of opposing moundman Tony

Kwok in the fourth frame when he socked a smash right through the box.

Playing inspired ball, the Warriors unleashed their barrage at losing hurler Tony Kwok as if they 'owned' him, knocking him for thirteen solid smashes including a homer, a triple and a double.

Hockey Players Surprise At Cricket

Though the visiting Malayan Indian hockey team are mainly hockey players, they showed fair ability as cricketers against the Indian Recreation Club at Sookun-poo on Saturday, particularly in their fast and clean fielding.

Their captain, Gorbex Singh, was the only one to really get up top of the IRC bowling, scoring a useful 31 towards the visitors' innings of 100. Carl Myatt took four wickets for 21 runs.

The unpredictable IRC were five wickets down for 16 runs at one stage, but Arthur Rumbh, quickly promoting himself in the batting order, and George Ebert made a stand of 71 for the sixth wicket.

Rumbh was finally out for 30 and one more IRC wicket fell, but when stumps were drawn George Ebert was undischarged for 43.

The visitors were not taking things too seriously and may have done better if they had used their opening bowlers longer or brought them on again earlier. Mahinder Singh took 4 for 13 and was not easy to play. IRC were 93 for 7 when stumps were drawn.

LEAGUE MATCH As in almost every season in the past half dozen, the Scorpions are continuing to tighten up as challengers for the Senior Division League title and beat Army North, one of the leading teams in the Championship race, by six wickets at Chater Road.

Ivor Stanton took five for 35 as Army North were all out for 105 runs. Greenhalgh got in among the Scorpions' early batsmen to take four for 42, but Pat Dodge (38 not out) and K. M. Campbell (38 not out) put on the necessary runs for victory. Scorpions are now in a challenging position for the Championship.

Swiss Smash World Cycling Record

Zurich, Dec. 18. Swiss professional cyclist Rene Strehler broke the World record for the five-kilometre indoor track today with the time of six minutes fourteen seconds flat.

He improved the earlier record (Lucien Gillen of Luxembourg, 8:19-1/5) by five and one-fifth seconds, the biggest record-breaking margin in the history of the 5 kilometres.—United Press.

RING FATALITY

Mayenn, France, Dec. 18. French Middleweight professional boxer Jean Boloda died early today after Hami Melchiora knocked him out of the ring in a local bout on Saturday night.

Boloda, 27, never recovered consciousness after Melchiora's eighth-round punch and died of a cerebral haemorrhage.—United Press.

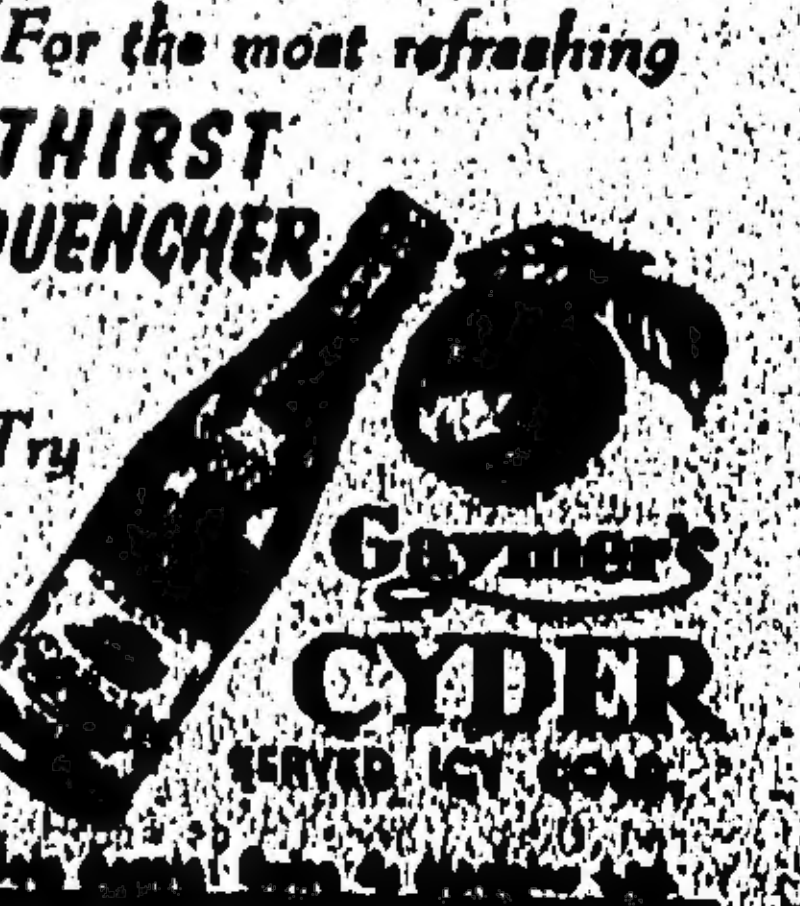
THE GAMBOLS



by Barry Appleby



For the most refreshing



SATURDAY'S RUGGER MATCHES BROUGHT NO SURPRISE RESULTS

By "PAK LO"

Saturday afternoon was rather disappointing as far as rugger was concerned, for the three games which were played were a trifle scrappy, and there was a muddle over the venues which caused the fourth game to be scratched.

There were no surprises in the results. RAF Mainland comfortably beat their opposite numbers, RAF Island, by 19 points (2 goals, 1 try, 1 penalty goal) to nil, while the Gunners retained their unbeaten record, running off the field the victors by 13 points to 9.

In the second match on the Army ground the Navy, though they tried to the bitter end, were no match for the Garrison side, and they lost by 19 points (2 goals, 3 tries) to 8 points (2 penalty goals).

RAF Mainland v RAF Island

This was a fairly even game in the forward division, but in the backs it was soon clear that the Mainland were the much more powerful and stronger side. The Mainland forwards played a gleam of game, and gave their three slightly more of the ball than did the Islanders, and the Mainland forwards backed up and covered their three to a greater extent, and were quicker to snap up their chances.

For the Islanders Southwick was outstanding, particularly in the loose where he and Anderson gave the Mainlanders no end of trouble. Behind the packs though, it was a different story. While the Mainland three had some poor passing

hours, they always looked the more dangerous and their tackling was a lesson to the Islanders whose backs seldom tackled low enough to bring the man down.

Only Morgan shone, but his openings were spoiled by bad passing. For the Mainland the best were Lamb, Page, Panther and Thomas in the forwards, and Fraser in the centre of the three.

It was some time before the Mainland opened the scoring when they three more Lewis went over well out. The conversion was missed, 3-0. A little later Thomas, whose kicking was good throughout, converted a penalty for offside to make it 6-0 in the second half things opened up a bit and the Mainland were soon on the attack. From a scrum there was a three move and with the forwards backing up well the ball was being swung around a lot, and finally went to Lewis who went over under the posts. Thomas converted, 11-0.

Once again the Mainlanders repeated the move and this time it was Thomas who scored under the posts. Thomas did the needful to make it 15-0. Finally Thomas added yet another three points with a good penalty

kick to leave the final score at 19-0.

Navy v HK & K Garrison

Garrison made three changes in this match, switching their Jones around. The Jones who normally plays at full back moved up to the centre of the three line, while Tinsley shifted to fly half and the other Jones dropped back to the full back.

If anything this was a slight improvement, particularly in the full back spot where it Jones had a good day, though he was seldom under strong pressure.

The Garrison forwards used their weight to good effect in the scrums and once more Philip stood literally, and metaphorically, head and shoulders over the others in the lineouts.

With a good supply of the ball the Garrison three had plenty of chances, but their passing was not their strong point and they were the only ones to stand out.

In the loose the Garrison were much quicker on the ball with Sterlin well to the fore, and in the loose the ball came out smartly to Parkinson who was sending out some nice steady passes.

For the Navy, Jenkins at full back played an excellent game, and Lloyd had some nice runs, but Speers at fly half was outstanding. Had it not been for his and Jenkins' touch kicking the Navy would have gone down to a much bigger defeat.

The Navy tackled well, as did the Garrison but it was mainly a forward game, and there were few good rushes, and a lot of loose mauls which got nowhere.

Ahead from the kick-off the Garrison got going, and Sterlin took the ball from the loose about ten yards from the Navy line, and gave Parkinson a chance, but he was stopped about three yards from the line. The Navy cleared to the 25 point and then the Garrison missed two penalties from almost the same spot in quick succession.

Then, after 14 minutes there was a lineout on the Navy 25 and in the first really good three move of the game the ball went over in the corner. Philip converted, 3-0.

Six minutes later the Garrison scored again. This time there was another line move, but the Navy tried to go through the middle and were caught. However, Philip picked up the loose ball and barred his way through the opposition to touch down. Jones converted, 6-0.

An attack resulted in the Garrison being penalised for offside about ten yards from the halfway line. Jenkins with a lovely kick converted to make it 8-0.

Garrison swung back into the attack, narrowly missed another penalty attempt by Jones, and then moved a yard from the line and gave the Garrison a chance and Tinsley went over, but was pulled back by a five-yard scrum.

A lineout, then a loose maul resulted in a very smart move by Garrison who were taken by Parkinson who went blind and scored well out. The conversion was missed, 11-0.

In the second half the first score came after ten minutes when Tinsley made an opening on the Navy 25 and went to within ten yards of the line before being stopped. Again Garrison came to the rescue and another quick heel sent Parkinson over beside the posts. Jones converted, 14-0.

Twelve dreary minutes later Garrison got their three line moving on the Navy 25 and Simpson went over in the corner. The conversion was missed, 17-0.

Then in closing minutes Navy were awarded another penalty, this time on the Garrison 25, and Jenkins, making it look very simple, converted, 19-0.

Gunners v 48 Brigade
The trouble with this match was that spectators expected too much from it. For with the two teams fairly evenly balanced they cancelled each other out to a large extent.

As expected, however, the Gunners forwards, with Collett to the fore, were more than a match for their opponents, and gave their backs a plentiful supply of the ball, particularly from the set scrums.

The tackling by both sides was good, and, though the Gunners' three got plenty of chances the 48 Brigade backs had a slight edge on them, but lack of the ball settled the question.

The game was a bit slow at the start, but fairly warmed up in the second half when there were some nice three moves.

Again the Gunners' forwards covered their three attacks better, and were faster on the ball. Glen had a good day for the Gunners as did Roy, while Kehr shone in the Brigade side.

RUGBY SOCIAL
I have been asked to remind you again that the Army are holding a Rugby Social in the Sergeant's Mess in Chatham Road at 6.30 p.m. tonight and all rugger players and those interested in the game are cordially invited. There will be a band, a film on rugger, as well as drinks.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Boxing
HK Amateur Boxing Association Committee Meeting, Missions to Seamen at 6 p.m.
Rugby
Kuala Lumpur Tech v Police at HKFC.
Hockey
Kuala Lumpur Tech v Malaysian Indians or Nv Bharat at Pokfulam.

TOMORROW
Badminton
Malayan Indians v HK Indians at IRC, 8 p.m.
Athletics
Queen Elizabeth School Annual Sports at SCAA Stadium commencing at noon.

Floodlit Games May Find Soccer's Missing Millions

London, Dec. 18.

Light is now being thrown on the gloomy subject of soccer's missing millions—the dwindling army of spectators without whose support clubs could not carry on.

Whether because of the counter attraction of television or the decline in standard of play, the alarming slump in attendance has now passed the million and a half mark this season.

Clubs have long been advocating the playing of Cup and League matches by floodlight as an experiment to check this slide.

Now probably encouraged by the success of some first round Cup replays at night and the lighting up of Wembley Stadium for the later stages of the recent England-Spain game, the authorities are beginning to recognise the possibilities of floodlight football.

Alarmed at the falling gates and decrease in the attraction of League football, the Football League have discussed the reason and possible remedies.

They have at least appreciated the importance of floodlights. "We have realised that certain benefits will be obtained by the flood-lighting of football," said Football League secretary Mr. Fred Horwath.

"Floodlights can play a part in our future policy."

The Scottish League, after a two-hour discussion, decided to call all their clubs together to discuss flood-lighting.

And now the Football Association have given permission for clubs to play cup ties by floodlight.

Clubs can start late and switch on for the second half for third round matches on January 7, and replays may be decided at night.

Meanwhile the clubs have been giving considerable thought to the matter. Those who can afford it are having costly floodlighting systems installed.—China Mail Special.

Six Die In Colombia Auto Race Meeting

Barranquilla, Colombia, Dec. 18.

Venezuelan driver Rezende dos Santos won the Barranquilla-to-Cartagena-and-back "Cordiali" auto race today after two drivers and four spectators were killed.

One of the dead drivers was Dos Santos's teammate, Pancho Crocker. The other was Colombian driver Antonio J. Brun, whose car hurtled into a group of spectators and killed four of them.

Dos Santos, deeply shaken by Crocker's death, cried unashamedly as he stepped from his car. He immediately dedicated his victory to Crocker's memory.

The Venezuelan team was withdrawn from the race momentarily after Crocker died. But Venezuelan officials then decided to continue in the contest as a tribute to their dead teammate. Dos Santos, apparently determined to make the race a fitting homage to Crocker, roared to a triumph as team rolled down his face.

FIRST FATALITY
Crocker, driving a Maserati, was the first to die—only 16 kilometers from the start of the race. His steering gear apparently failed and the car went out of control. It swerved off the road, overturned and smashed into the side of the road.

His skull was fractured, all his ribs were broken and he suffered severe internal injuries. Twenty minutes after the accident he was dead.

Shortly afterwards, Brun's Lincoln went out of control and careened into a group of spectators. This "mistake" took place at an isolated spot along the route and details were still unknown. Brun was killed, and four spectators died with him.

After the race, in which Colombian driver Alfredo Camacho finished second in a Mercedes-Benz, authorities recommended that the name of the track be changed to "The Pancho Crocker Cup."

Reza dos Santos, United Press.

BEHIND THE STANDS AT TWICKENHAM

With FRED MAJDALANY

It is a long time since I was a tower of weakness to the Extra C team of a Rugby football club whose name I now forget. A career involving Saturday work brought my playing days to a premature end, which was a source of regret to no one, not even me.

Among other things, it has enabled me to live through the years since with only one cauliflower ear instead of two.

Going to Twickenham was, therefore, in terms of nostalgia, a journey from the gorblimey to the sublime.

Oxford and Cambridge at Twickenham is one of the Great English Sporting Occasions, and, as with all such, it isn't only the game that matters. The fun begins long before the kick-off with a parade and reunion behind the West Stand, which no conscientious anthropologist can afford to miss.

There are the clothes. Every weave, warp, and weft that has ever been brought to bear on the construction of British tweed is on show, as though lent by the Victoria and Albert for the occasion.

There are the caps. If you think that one male cap is much like another, Twickenham will show you that there are more varieties of this simple article than were ever dreamed of in Mr. Heinz's philosophy.

As for the people, they are the most delightful collection of character parts in captivity.

DIALOGUE
Striding along this paddock were massive clergymen who looked as though they used their pulpits for low-tackle practice when the verger wasn't looking; former internationals, like great crumbling trees; poor old fellows who can only have been there to be able to write to The Times afterwards claiming that they have not missed a match since 1880; outrageously large public schoolboys, and fresh-faced youths who turned out on investigation, to be headmasters.

The dialogue was so invariable that it was possible to pass from one group to another and seem to remain in the same conversation.

"Good lord! Old Pulley-blank, isn't it? How are you, Pullers?"

"Splendid! Splendid! Seen anything of old Splice-Bollinger?"

"No, old boy. Don't think he's up this year."

I was more than happy to see a number of crazy elderly gentlemen in those immensely long, dark coloured overcoats peculiar to eccentric headmasters of the old school. It was nice to know that a few of them are still about.

There were more women than I had expected—distinguishable from the men by their camel hair coats, bookbags, red noses, and streaming eyes. Perhaps the presence of the young ones was not so surprising.

Spending Saturday afternoons on bleak Rugger grounds is one of the recognised endurance tests by which an Englishman must earn her man.

But what brought so many middle-aged and even elderly ladies to such an affair?

Were they sacrificial victims of a votive touchline, striving to recapture the first fine frozen rapture of a nearly forgotten childhood with once heroic full-back? Or were they there to weep silently for the treachery of some faithless Harlequin of bygone days?

NEVER KNOW
I shall never know, for this is an occasion when it is the men who seem to do all the talking. Everyone appears to know everyone else. One man (dapper in a squat way that suggested he may once have been a scrum half) even thought he knew me.

"It is, isn't it?" he beamed, crushing my hand painfully.

Doris Hart Tops US National Ranking List

New York, Dec. 18.

The "Old Guard" of American women's lawn tennis have kept the top three positions in the 1955 rankings recommended today by the Ranking Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Miss Doris Hart, who won the National Championship for the second successive year, was a natural choice for number one but it will be her last appearance in the list as she is now a teaching professional in Florida.

Miss Shirley Fry was ranked number two—a mild surprise—ahead of Miss Louise Brown, the Wimbledon title-holder, who is number three.

Then follow, in order, Mrs. Dorothy Knudsen Head, Mrs. Beverly Baker Flinn, Mrs. Barbara Davidson, Miss Barbara Breit, Miss Althea Gibson, Miss Darlene Hard and Mrs. Dorothy Bundy Cheney.

The rankings will be considered at the annual meeting of the United States LTA on January 31—Reuters.

Pape Breaks Road Race Record

R. H. Pape, Commissioned Master-at-Arms of the Royal Navy, captured the Colony's 10-Mile Road Race event yesterday in the record breaking time of 50 mins and 38.4 seconds.

Running four times around a circuit of two and half miles, the Marathon runner clocked 12 minutes 47.7 seconds in his first quarter, 25 mins 56.7 secs, at the completion of his second round, 38 mins 8.3 seconds at the end of the third and finished the 10-mile race by breaking the former record of 56 mins. and 25 secs set by S. Sgt. Peter West in 1952.

At the end of the strenuous test, he appeared to be almost as fresh as before the start of the gruelling trial.

Second place went to Lt. K. Burch of the Essex Regiment who also broke the Colony's record by finishing in 56 mins 35.7 secs.

Cpl A. L. Smith of the King's Own Royal Regiment came third. He clocked 56 mins and 40.6 seconds which was 14.4 seconds below the former record.

WALKING RACE
In the two and half mile walking race, Kennedy-Skipiton of the European YMCA again came in first with a record time of 21 mins and 59.5 secs. His former record was 22 mins. and 42 secs. Ng Hing-chi, of the Hongkong Police Athletic Club, finished a close second.

In the team event of the 10-Mile Road Race, South China AA came first with the 1st Bn. of the Essex Regiment in second place.

There were 64 competitors taking part in the annual event and 58 finished the 10-mile course. Seven joined in the walking race with all completing the distance, though two were disqualified.

Ten Russian Horses To Compete In Trotting Race

Paris, Dec. 18.
Ten Russian horses will compete in a series of international trotting races at Vincennes early in the next year.

Mr. Prokovich Parushkev, director of the Russian National Stud, said here that the horses, together with a party of 20, including trainers, riders and stable boys, would arrive in France about January 10. It will be the first time since the beginning of the century that Russian horses have run on French race-courses.

Four of them will compete in the Prix d'Amerique, Europe's most important trotting event on January 20.—China Mail Special.

East German Swimmer Batters World Mark

Berlin, Dec. 18.
Crack East German swimmer star Horst Fritzsche last night at Rostock covered the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:02.2 minutes, the East German radio announced today.

He thus improved the official World mark of 1:04.3 minutes held by Swedish Lennart Bröck, the radio added.

Fritzsche, however, failed to equal or improve the 1:01.4 minutes set by Japanese Masaru Furukawa in early October in Tokyo. So far, Furukawa's result has not yet been officially recognized as a record, the radio said.—United Press.

International Tennis Results
Tunis, Tunisia, Dec. 18.
US Annis star Budge Patty beat Italy's Sirolo on Saturday night 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 in play at a local international tournament at the Tunis fair.

Other results: Darmon (France) beat Drobny (Egypt) 7-5, 6-2, 2-0, 4-0, 7-0. Patty Molinari (US-France) beat Drobny-Darmon 6-1, 8-0.—United Press.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION!

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW YORK
COTTON
MARKET
REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Dec. 18.
Cotton futures last week staged a smart recovery after dropping back to the lowest level in a fortnight.

Prices at Friday's close ruled 14 to 41 points 65 cents to \$2.05 a bale higher than the preceding week.

Nearly deliveries led the rebound when the earlier setback signalled a broad-based demand from domestic textile mill interests, along with buying by shippers, supposedly against export commitments.

The nearby March contract rallied from a low of 33 cents to 33 3/4 cents a pound equivalent to \$3.75 a bale before the market ran into opposition. The expanded trade pointed up the optimistic accounts from the cotton goods trade, where some mills are working on order backlogs extending into the second quarter of 1956. That news, in turn, pointed up the higher rate of domestic raw cotton consumption.

Offtake

The Census Bureau on Friday reported the mill offtake of raw cotton in November reached 711,447 bales. The figure came about 15,000 bales over expectations and compared with 737,056 bales used in October and 703,307 bales consumed in November last year.

The average rate of daily use last month moved up to 37,072 bales from 36,853 bales in October and 35,166 in November last year.

The increasingly heavy rate of producer outpourings under the Government loan clouded trade predictions that eventually 6,000,000 bales might wind up under the loan program, an amount sufficient to lift the potential surplus from the free market.

Statisticians figured domestic consumption this season around 9,000,000 bales and "free" market exports of 2,000,000 bales already in the loan, the current crop prospect for around 15,000,000 bales is accounted for. If 2,000,000 more bales go into the loan hereafter, most of the surplus would be off the free market. United Press.

Singapore
Stock Market

Singapore, Dec. 19.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Bata Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	One share	\$1.00
British Overseas Petroleum Syndicate Ltd.	48/-	
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ltd.	30/-	
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	17.70	
Fraser & Neave Ltd. cum pref.	30.00	
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd.	\$50.00	
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	\$2.20	
Kempas Ltd.	\$2.20	
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	\$3.70	
Malayan Breweries Ltd.	\$3.30	
New South Wales Rubber Co. Ltd.	\$1.00	
Petaling Tin Ltd.	\$1.40	
Raffles Hotel	\$2.20	
Singapore Cold Storage Co. Ltd.	\$2.00	
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	\$27.50	
Straits Trading	\$25.25	
Straits Steamship	\$13.10	
United Engineers Ord.	\$1.10	
Weare Bros.	\$2.75	

—China Mail Special.

New York Stock
Market Review

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Dec. 18.
Stocks declined during the past week on reduced volume.

The market simply could not rise in its day to day operations. It did manage to close higher on Friday but even so it was well below the highs.

There was a combination of year-end tax selling year-end reinvestment with the tax selling the dominant factor.

Market news, notably business operations, were on the bullish side but to no avail for list.

At the close on Friday, the industrial average stood at 422.08, off 5.56 points; Railroad, 101.30, off 3.58; utilities, 64.37, off 1.45, a wide decline for that average and 08 stocks, 171.01, off 2.16. The Eastern Pipe Line was the big loser in the utilities. It closed the week at \$74 1/2, or 5 1/2 points from last Friday's close.

AMERICAN ECONOMY

New Records Expected In
Most Segments
Of National Industries

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 18.

As 1955 draws to a close, there appears to be few clouds in the economic picture. Christmas buying soars to record levels with sales reported to be also all-time high.

WEEKLY
TEXTILE
MARKETS

New York, Dec. 18.
Cotton textile mills last week entered the Christmas holiday season on a subdued note of cheerful optimism.

Resting on an order backlog extending into the second quarter, mill owners looked ahead to the first half of 1956 with a growing feeling of confidence.

The steady increase in the volume of sales over the past six months, at a gradually ascending price scale, has left little doubt as to the availability of early spring. Some plants are heavily held into the second period.

A few executives, likened the situation to the "boom days of the postwar period." But more cautious observers, talking about the "shadowy spots in the picture," moderated prediction because of the fear of Japanese competition and the labour union pressure for higher wages, and other increased production costs.

Reviewing the statistical picture of the industry, record-keepers emphasized that at end-October, mill stocks of broad woven cottons were equivalent to three weeks supply, while unfilled orders were equivalent to 11 1/2 weeks production.

Aggregate shipments of new orders of cotton fabrics through October were reported 8 1/2 per cent higher than at the same time last year. Executives thought the ratios improved since the figures were compiled six weeks ago.

Optimists peering ahead expected an increase for three reasons: 1. Low stocks in distribution channels in face of a broad-based movement of all types of finished cotton piece goods; 2. National expansion in heavy industries with the likelihood of a growing demand for heavy-weight cotton goods; 3. New chills in the "cold war" and retailers to carry heavier inventories.

Yarn spinners reported an equally bright picture; many lightweight producers already have calculated the average. Many spinners are inclined to quote higher prices for second quarter delivery and are not crowding bids beyond March 1.—United Press.

In the rails Santa Fe lost 8 1/4 points. Aircrafts got a lift when President Eisenhower asked for more money in defence spending. Glenn L. Martin, a feature in the aircrafts, netted a gain of nearly 6 points.

Several other good gainers were registered, none of them belong to the stocks used to calculate the average. Magna Copper gained 2 1/4. Rohm & Haas, 4; Schering 8 1/4; Illinois Glass 9 1/4; and General Precision 4 1/4.

Benzol Chemicals in turnover with US and Foreign Securities second and General Motors third. These were unchanged or lower. Sperry Rand, in fourth place gained nearly 3 points and Studebaker-Packard in fifth place rose nearly a point.—United Press.

Meanwhile, some durable goods prices were moving lower at the producer level. According to the Journal of Commerce, the move is not yet broad enough to be labelled a trend. It is expected, rather, a reversal of an earlier price rise policy. Isolated cuts in major appliances and on some auto models was regarded as one phase of a better battle for sales leadership.

Business is booming elsewhere, indications are that new records will be set in just about every segment of US economic activity.

However, there were some developments which seemed to worry some groups. Among the fears held these days are the following: The big build up in auto production despite a slackening in sales; decline in housing construction; tightening of credit and high interest rates; the troublesome farm situation and the uncertainties which are about to arise in speculation as to whether President Eisenhower will run for office next year.

Steel Shortage

Still others worry about the growing pressure for supplies of critical metals, such as lead, copper, zinc, and steel especially in view of the 12 per cent rise in construction forecast for 1956. Some economists insist on the advance in metal prices eventually will spur an inflationary spiral next year.

The Journal of Commerce, however, is inclined to discount the overall effect of the tight metals situation. It feels that the metal shortages are apt to act as a restraining influence rather than an added stimulus to industry, it said, and might even in its expansion plans because of these metal shortages. Meanwhile steel shortage continues without let-up. Iron Age Magazine says "It is still much more than a 50-50 chance that steel prices will rise moderately before March 1."

Demand for copper, lead and zinc meanwhile was reported better than normal last week, with expectations that this strong position will carry over into early 1956. Manufacturers of copper products are still on the lookout for new sources as December supplies are just about exhausted.

Other observers are watching the build-up of inventories. Some feel that industry is producing more now than it can sell. That's the thought of US News and World Report in its current business analysis. The build-up of inventories has been gradual, it notes, but now is gaining speed.

Accumulation

The government October report shows a 700 million gain, an increase of 3.8 billion from a year ago. This October increase took place while the stocks were being held down during the model changeover.

The Cleveland Trust Company noted also this new trend saw nothing to worry about. The dollar rise in business inventories this year reflects accumulation of stocks and to some extent, higher cost of material purchased.

"But the increase so far has not kept pace with rising sales," the Bank declared. "In view of this, a continued build-up of inventories can be expected at least during the next few months, although accumulation may not persist throughout all of 1956."

The International Statistical Bureau anticipates a further gain in inventories. It minimizes concerns about this gain until possibly after the first quarter or during the second quarter. The Bureau anticipates that inventories of non-durable goods will increase in the coming months, it added.

Inventories of non-durable goods at the end of October were 2 per cent higher than at the corresponding period in 1954. Durable goods at the end of October showed an increase of 7 per cent.

Ike's Ambitions

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Meanwhile, US business circles talk much about President Eisenhower's presidential ambitions for 1956. Whatever he does, most observers anticipate a high level of economic activity next year. The President is generally considered the top vote-getter for the Republican Party. However, should he renounce his candidacy some observers see the odds favouring Democrats.

However, the stock market, some feel, might take a tumble. It is explained, the present level of stock prices is predicted on a good deal of what might be called "Eisenhower confidence."

One analyst, Mr. Paul T. Babson, President of United Business Services, made the following stock market forecast. Giving the minimum expectation for each Dow-Jones average—industrial, rails and utilities—he lists two figures for the top levels—one to apply if President Eisenhower runs for re-election and a lower one if he does not.

Forecast

On this basis, his forecast:

Dow-Jones Industrial	440 to 560
Dow-Jones rails	145 to 175-185
Dow-Jones utilities	52 to 70.75

At the close of the week the D-J industrial average was 482.08; rails, 101.30; utilities, 64.34.—United Press.

LONDON STOCK
MARKET REVIEW

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, Dec. 18.

Stock markets were rather subdued last week, losing—rather suddenly—the pleasant bounce they displayed during the first week in December.

Factors included Mr. Butler's announcement that "credit squeeze" was intended "to bite and hurt" and the November trade figures which suggested that the balance-of-trade problem is a long, long way this side of solution.

The November figures on the loans made by commercial banks show that "personal and financial" loans have already been sharply cut but that the loans to important industries, while they have certainly been reduced, have not been actually reduced. New York's ups and downs regarding President Eisenhower's political future have also been a factor in London though not one easy to measure.

There was some American selling which lowered Imperial

South African
Gold Output

Johannesburg, Dec. 17.

Total declared gold output during November of member mines of the Transvaal and Orange Free State Chamber of Mines who are gold producers only was 808,993 ounces against 812,922 in October.

Gold output of member mines who are gold and uranium producers aggregated 892,034 ounces against 895,194. Miscellaneous mines who are members of the Chamber had a November gold output of 4,076 ounces against 3,132 while miscellaneous other producers (non-members) returned an output of 49,492 ounces against 38,407.

Native labour employed in the gold mines in November totalled 289,229 against 303,801 in October, while employment in the coal mines totalled 27,168 against 27,845.—China Mail Special.

US TO KEEP
COTTON
CONTROLS

Washington, Dec. 18.
American cotton farmers have voted overwhelmingly to continue production controls on the 1956 crop.

They will adhere to the controls on a reduced national acreage in order to collect the full level of government price supports, which will be set somewhere between 75 and 80 per cent of parity. Congressional sources have predicted the support figure will be about 85 per cent.

Farmers in 21 cotton-producing states rolled up a margin of 93 per cent in favour of controls in last Tuesday's national referendum. Of 287,426 votes cast, 267,235 favoured controls and 20,191 opposed. The total vote was about 20 per cent lighter than last year's referendum which approved controls by 92 per cent.

Approval

About 25 per cent of the nation's 1,300,000 cotton farmers voted.

Growers of extra long staple cotton—produced in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, Texas, and Puerto Rico—also approved controls by 90.5 per cent. Only 1,002 extra long staple votes were cast.

The voters approved Secretary of Agriculture Mr. Ezra T. Benson's proclamation of a cotton marketing quota of 10,000,000 bales to be grown next year on 17,201,304 acres.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	0.52
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.21
Australian notes (per £1)	12.57
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	15.70
Siam (per 100)	23.70
Singapore (Straits)	1.20

US COTTON
CONSUMPTION

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Census Bureau said today about 741,447 running bales of cotton were consumed in the United States last November compared to 703,307 in November 1954.

In its monthly report to industry on cotton and liners statistics, the Bureau said 3,070,507 bales were consumed during four months through November compared to 2,895,524 during the same period a year ago.

Cotton on hand during the last working day of November, 1955, totalled 1,553,485 bales in consuming establishments and 10,807,483 in public storage and at compresses. Comparative figures for the same day of the previous year were 10,352,000 active cotton-consuming spindles in the United States on the last working day of November 1955, as compared to 10,340,000 on the same day a year ago.—United Press.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$410,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS: HK Bank 1700

INSURANCES: Union 917 1/2

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Japanese Overseas
Investments
Show Increase

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The Foreign Office reported today that Japanese overseas investments the past two years increased in "sizeable proportions" and predicted "new progress" will be made in the future.

The Foreign Office said in its information bulletin that "investments overseas by Japanese private industries have been registering advances of sizeable proportions" during the past two years.

"In the form of technical aid or joint ventures through investment in cash or capital goods," the report said, "the activities of Japanese industries abroad are expected to make new progress with the conclusion of repatriation agreements with accompanying provisions for economic co-operation."

The Philippines: Negotiations are proceeding "smoothly" for Japanese development of the Splay and Tondo Copper Mine.—United Press.

Iron Ore

The Foreign Office said five

major factors led to the increase in investments abroad:

Saturation

1. Saturation of the domestic market.

2. Need for raw materials from overseas.

3. Increasing exports of Japanese machinery and plant equipment has led to more nations seeking Japan's aid in industrialisation programmes.

4. It is easier to export capital goods with technicians under joint ventures.

5. South and Southeast Asia and South and Central American industrialists tend more and more to use their funds in combination with Japanese techniques.

The Foreign Office said Japan's overseas investments were classified roughly into three types—stocks, technical aid and loans.

It pointed out that in the past Japan has established joint enterprises in foreign nations, provided machinery and plant equipment, sent technicians, or used a combination of all three in making foreign investments.

Summary

The Foreign Office released the following nation-by-nation summary of overseas investments:

CEYLON: A joint Japanese-Ceylonese fishery company has been established with Japan investing about \$500,000 in fishing boats. The Japanese will also establish a glass bottle factory.

INDIA: Asahi Glass has "just about" completed arrangements to take over a half-built glass plant and operate it as a new company. The new company will be capitalised at approximately \$20,000,000 yen with Asahi Glass holding 51 per cent of the total shares.

Taiyo Fisheries has contracted to form a joint fisheries company. Negotiations also are under way or have been concluded under which Japan will send technicians to help out in manufacturing weaving machinery.

Dutch-German
Bond Talks

The Hague, Dec. 17.

Dutch-German associations on "Austrian" bonds, which were broken off last January "for a few weeks" to allow the German delegation to consult the Bonn Government, are to be re-opened in The Hague on December 21.

The "Austrian" bonds are German bonds totalling about 300 million guilders which disappeared from the Netherlands during the occupation. The Netherlands Government has stated that agreement must be reached on the bonds before it will ratify the 1953 London agreement on prewar German debts.

An official announcement said the negotiations were being resumed on West Germany's request.—China Mail Special.

France's Trade
Deficit

Paris, Dec. 17.

France had a foreign trade deficit of 8,800 francs in November, compared with a surplus of 500 million in October and a deficit of 3,400 million in November last year.

Imports rose sharply to 105,800 million francs in November, from 93,000 million in October, and 91,000 million from 84,000 in October failed to counter-balance the higher level of imports. In November 1954 French exports were valued at 87,600 million francs.—China Mail Special.

Singapore Rubber
Market

Singapore, Dec. 18.

The market was dull on Saturday and the main interest was for lower grades. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Jan.	125 1/2-127 1/2
Feb.	125 1/2-127 1/2
Mar.	125 1/2-127 1/2
Apr.	125 1/2-127 1/2
May	125 1

SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Dec. 13.

A FORECAST

The election, of course, was a triumph for Prime Minister Menzies. His Party collapsed

GREAT COMEBACK

KICK IN THE SHINS

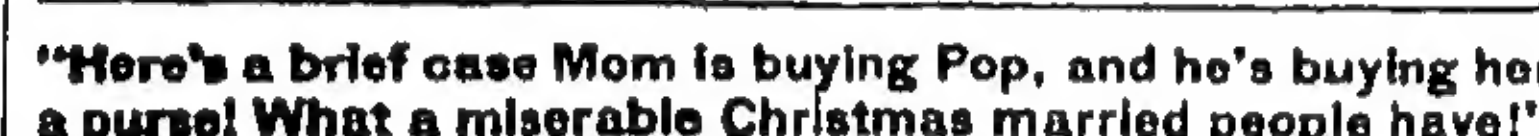
They have, moreover, completely ignored the court's order to take their ships to sea.

The strange part of all this is that while the ships are tied up,

CHRISTMAS ARRIVES

Retailers say Christmas

the rocket out of every 10.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

Alleged Mosquito Breeding Club Secretary Acquitted

In dismissing the summons, the Magistrate said that there was an element of doubt in the Prosecution's case.

with their own outstanding qualities. We were glad to see a better balance of forces among the strings (only four basses this time instead of seven).

Crown Says Men Were Caught Red-Handed

As the Hongkong University role are unavoidably and unfortunately not to take place this year, it afforded much

Cat Burglar Ends Up In Hospital

The resident of the third floor of 16 Sing Wo Road was awakened by the commotion on the ground floor, found that his watch had been stolen. He later identified his watch which was found on the suspect, who was taken to the hospital suffering from shock and serious head injuries.

Ticket-Scalpers Caught

This morning at Central, Wu Hung 35 and Tang Ping-kwong 18, were fined \$75 and \$150 respectively by Mr J. E. Durlin for unauthorised sale of football tickets.

Radio Hongkong

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REDIFFUSION

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Wedding Celebrated

A dinner reception, attended by over 200 guests, was held at the Kam Ling Restaurant last night to celebrate the re-wedding in Sydney, Australia, of Mr and Mrs Thomas Wong. 61 Shing Wo Road, Hong Kong.

married at St Mary's Basilica and came back to the Colon on an extended honeymoon week. They will return to Australia early next year.

Mr Wong is the eldest son of Mr Andrew N. Wong, proprietor of the China New Guinea Mercantile Co., and Mrs Wong Shing Wo Road. He was educated at Toowoomba, Queensland.

Mrs Wong was the former Miss Chan Lai-chun, daughter of Mr Chan Hon-man of Shing Wo Road, Hongkong.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE RITZ

The Hongkong Concert Orchestra has now established itself as a provider of very pleasant entertainment, and the blitz was packed last night for the Christmas concert.

It is something of an achievement to have put on three of these concerts already; this year, and the standard of performance last night showed that this was not a "scratch" affair.

It was good to see that some of the stars from the "Snowflake" novelty, which was sung, (as were several other items)

which were sung, twice over by an enthusiastic audience. Then followed six carols, all well known and sung with

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unusually. We were glad to see a better balance of forces among the strings (only four basses this year instead of seven).

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